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# **PLUG-IT\_110/110m Devices Energy Manager Software User Manual**

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# 1 . Introduction

You will soon be experiencing the latest in Wi-Fi enabled energy saving and control devices! Use these PLUG-IT\_110 plugs to turn your lights and office equipment off and on automatically and also the option to meter usage. You will soon enjoy the convenience, safety and savings of home and office automation in ways that were previously reserved for expensive automation systems. PLUG-IT products with integrated Wi-Fi automation controls are paving the way for a new automation evolution. The figure below highlights a basic PLUG-IT\_110 system. PLUG-IT\_110 plugs are managing power to many devices found in most offices. A Microsoft Windows® computer is running the PLUG-IT™Energy Manager application managing on/off schedules, managing remote on/off controls and optional metering of the PLUG-IT\_110 plugs across the wireless network.



## 2 PLUG-IT\_110 overview

The PLUG-IT\_110 is an elegant self-contained smart wall plug that inserts into any common U.S. or Canadian 3-prong 120VAC wall socket. The PLUG-IT\_110 plug provides a standard 3-prong 120VAC power output plug for the power control of any desired device.

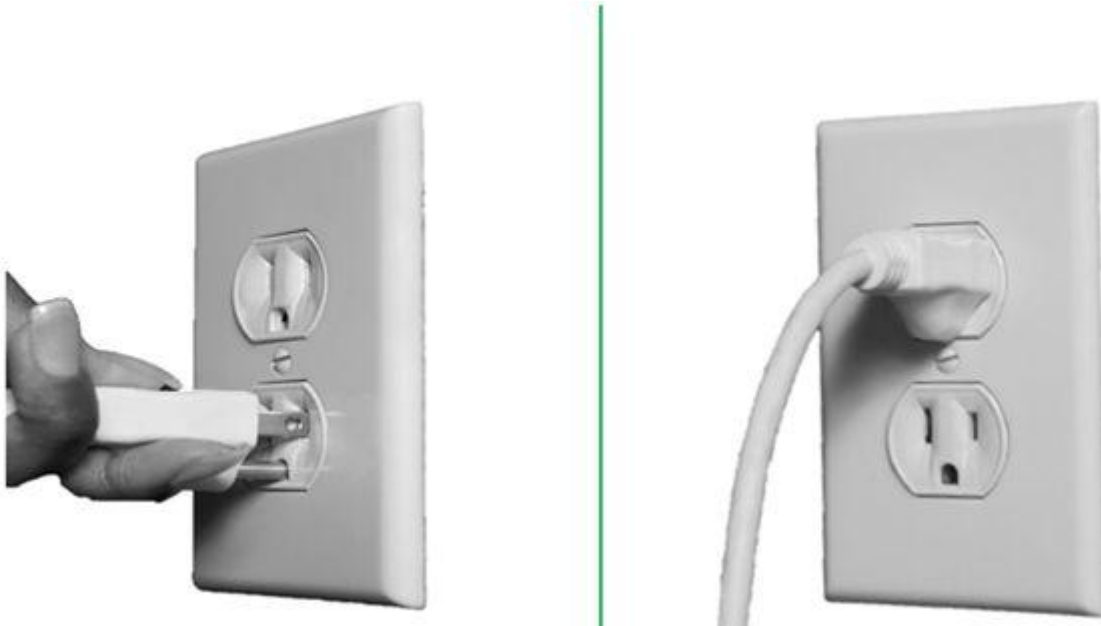
The PLUG-IT\_110 is rated for a load current of 15 Amps @ 120 VAC and is not intended for outdoor use or in harsh environments.



Plug the PLUG-IT\_110 plug into a wall socket and then plug any load device into the PLUG-IT\_110 that you wish to power on or off automatically.

## 2.1 PLUG-IT\_110 power control of load

When the PLUG-IT\_110 load device power control is turned off, the load device is electrically disconnected as if the load device was unplugged from the wall. When the PLUG-IT\_110 power control is turned on, the PLUG-IT\_110 provides power to the plugged load device as if the load device was plugged into the wall.



**Example # 1** - If a device's main power switch is on before being shut down by a PLUG-IT\_110 then the device will light up when the PLUG-IT\_110 powers it back on.

**Example #2** - If a device is in standby mode prior to being powered down then the device will power back up in standby mode.

**Example #3** - If a device's power is switched off before being controlled by the PLUG-IT\_110 then the device won't respond whether the PLUG-IT\_110 powers the device off or on.

The PLUG-IT\_110 can control the power to devices in ***three*** ways:

### **From a preloaded schedule downloaded from PLUG-IT Energy Manager**

A user can create and load a custom schedule onto a PLUG-IT\_110 using the PLUG-IT Energy Manager application. The preloaded schedule may include anything from one OFF and ON cycle per week to dozens of OFF and ON cycles per day.

### **By using the PLUG-IT Energy Manager application Device Control**

The PLUG-IT Energy Manager application includes a Device Control window that allows users to cycle individual PLUG-IT\_110 units or groups of PLUG-IT\_110 units OFF or ON from their computer. The Device Control operations do not interfere with the PLUG-IT\_110 units' preloaded ON/OFF cycle schedule, i.e. the PLUG-IT\_110 units will commence an ON or OFF cycle at their next scheduled time.



## By pressing the power button on the top of the PLUG-IT\_100



The plugged load device can be powered on by pressing the load device power button for 5 seconds. Pressing this load device ON button doesn't interfere with the PLUG-IT\_110 unit's preloaded ON/OFF cycle schedule, i.e. the PLUG-IT\_110 will commence an ON or OFF command at its next scheduled time.

## 2.2 PLUG-IT\_110m (measuring)

The PLUG-IT\_110m has the same elegant self-contained smart wall plug that inserts into any common U.S. or Canadian 3-prong 120VAC wall socket. The PLUG-IT\_110m plug provides a standard 3-prong 120VAC power output plug for the power control and metering of any desired device(s).

The PLUG-IT\_110m is also rated for a load current of 15 Amps @ 120 VAC and is not intended for outdoor use or in harsh environments.

## The Power of PLUG-IT 110m Measurement Plug

The PLUG-IT® Plug 110m Load Management System now allows real-time measurement and analysis of actual energy use at the plug level. With our comprehensive reporting system, facilities/energy managers have an unprecedented ability to measure, analyze and control plug-based load throughout the enterprise.

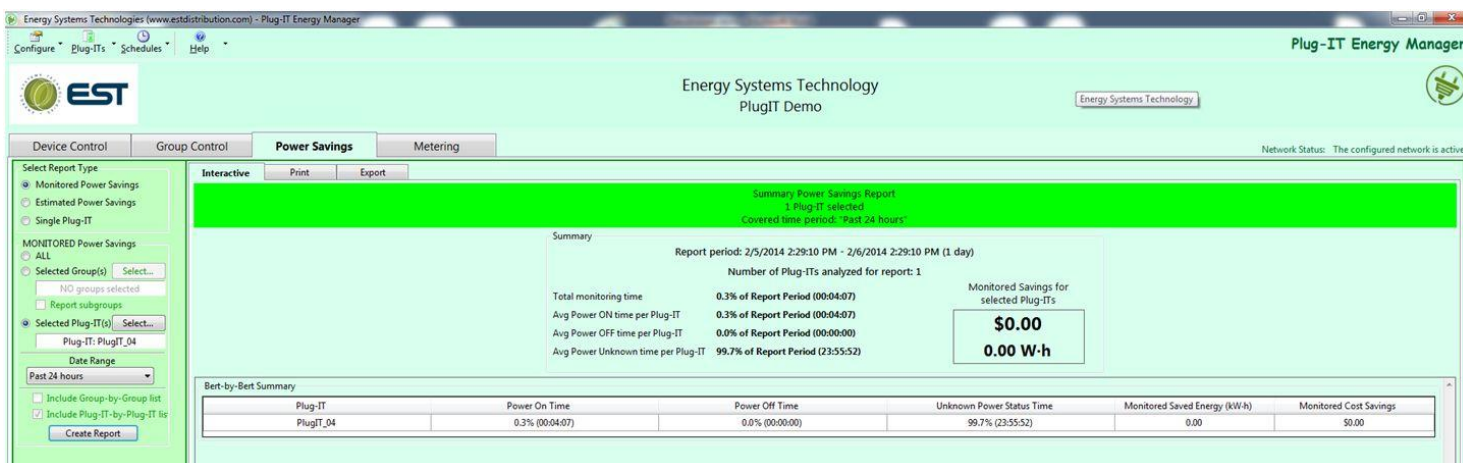
### Measure: Create Savings Benchmarks:

The combination of the PLUG-IT® measurement software and a measurement-enabled PLUG-IT® allows the creation of a savings benchmark with the actual energy use of all your plug load devices, both individually and in user-defined groups. To create a savings benchmark, simply plug your device into a measurement-enabled PLUG-IT® and keep it in an 'always on' mode during the benchmark period. You determine the appropriate benchmark **period: day, week, month, etc.** Once your benchmark period is complete, run a report of monthly, weekly, and hourly energy use.



## Analyze: Energy Use Reporting

The PLUG-IT® Plug Load System includes a full reporting database that allows you to capture and analyze historical usage of power by hour, day, month, year or any user defined period. Plug load consumption can be measured and analyzed by device(s); i.e. individual water coolers, all water coolers, or just water coolers in a particular building. Consumption can also be measured by location, floor, building(s) or a specific type of building such as elementary school(s). Since all of the energy usage is collected by the PLUG-IT® and stored in our PLUG-IT® software application, historical comparison of plug load can be viewed by hour, day, week, month, or year. PLUG-IT® can also be used as a data logger to establish the base level of plug load consumption for savings calculations and even investment grade audits. Measuring and verifying energy savings for performance management contracts is now a simple task that can be done remotely.



The screenshot displays the Plug-IT Energy Manager software interface. The main window shows a "Summary Power Savings Report" for Plug-IT\_04. The report period is from 2/5/2014 2:29:10 PM to 2/6/2014 2:29:10 PM (1 day). The report shows that 1 Plug-IT was selected, and the covered time period is the "Past 24 hours".

**Summary**

Report period:	2/5/2014 2:29:10 PM - 2/6/2014 2:29:10 PM (1 day)
Number of Plug-ITs analyzed for report:	1
Total monitoring time	0.3% of Report Period (00:04:07)
Avg Power ON time per Plug-IT	0.3% of Report Period (00:04:07)
Avg Power OFF time per Plug-IT	0.0% of Report Period (00:00:00)
Avg Power Unknown time per Plug-IT	99.7% of Report Period (23:55:52)

**Monitored Savings for selected Plug-ITs**

**\$0.00**  
**0.00 W-h**

**Best-by-Best Summary**

Plug-IT	Power On Time	Power Off Time	Unknown Power Status Time	Monitored Saved Energy (kWh)	Monitored Cost Savings
PlugIT_04	0.3% (00:04:07)	0.0% (00:00:00)	99.7% (23:55:52)	0.00	\$0.00

## **2.3 PLUG-IT\_110vend (vending machines)**

The PLUG-IT\_110vend has the same elegant self-contained smart wall plug that inserts into any common U.S. or Canadian 3-prong 120VAC wall socket. The PLUG-IT\_110vend plug provides a standard 3-prong 120VAC power output plug for the power control and metering of any desired device(s). The PLUG-IT\_110v is also rated for a load current of 15 Amps @ 120 VAC and is not intended for outdoor use or in harsh environments.

PLUG-IT® Vend has special intelligence that protects your vending equipment from turning off while the compressor is running. Since PLUG-IT® continuously measures energy use; PLUG-IT® knows whether a compressor is on or off. When PLUG-IT® receives an off command as part of the daily schedule, PLUG-IT® delays the 'off' command until after the compressor has completed its cycle. Just run your PLUG-IT® for a few weeks to establish your base power usage case, for a few weeks to establish your base power usage case, and then begin scheduling to measure actual savings.

## 2.4 PLUG-IT\_110 networking overview

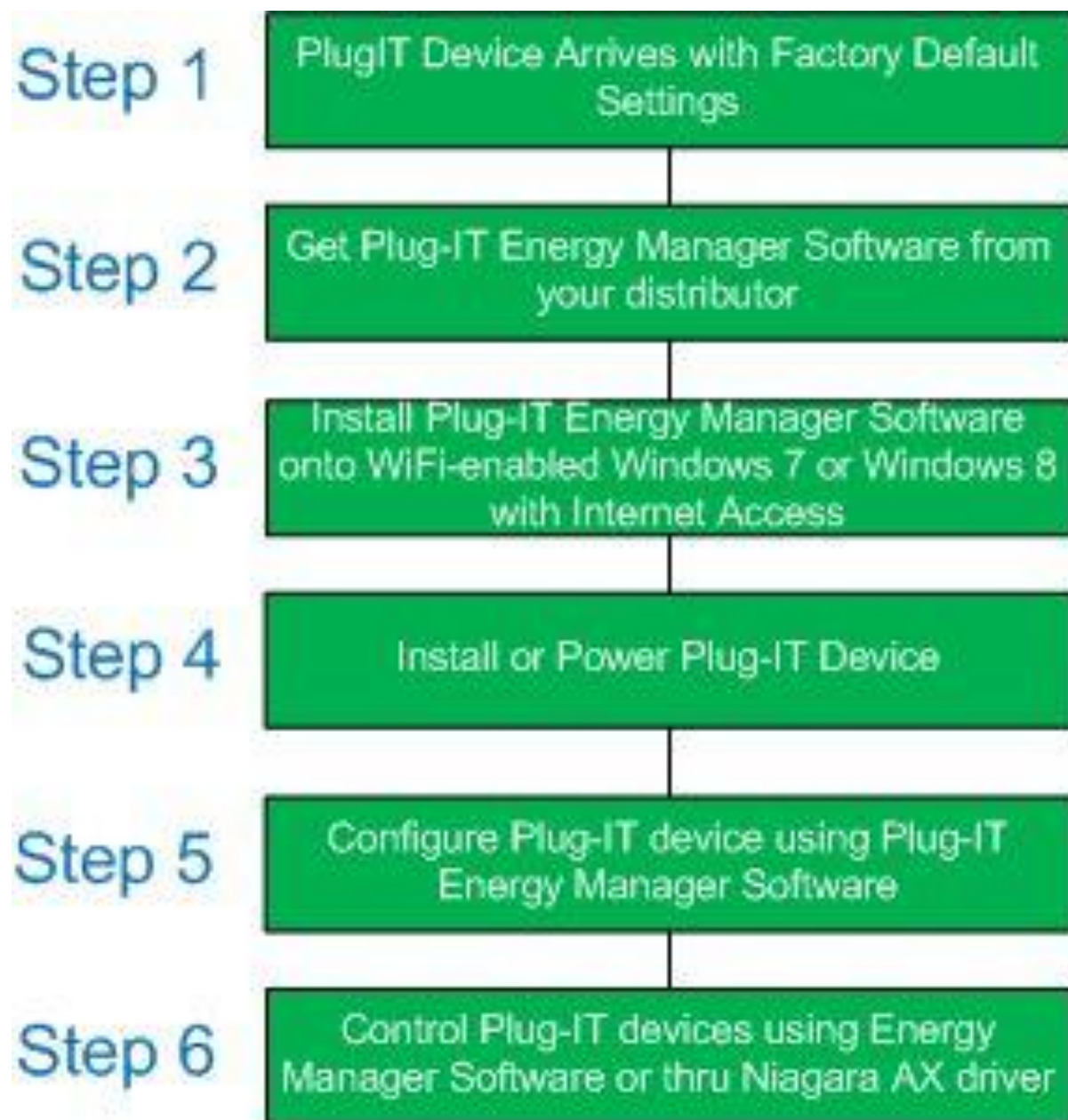
PLUG-IT\_110 units have an integrated Wi-Fi wireless networking module similar to wireless modules found in laptops, smartphones and gaming consoles. These Wi-Fi devices don't come preprogrammed to work with specific wireless routers out of the box. Each wireless router has a custom name and security code that needs to be provided to any Wi-Fi device prior to use. PLUG-IT\_110 units are configured with this network information by using the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard within the PLUG-IT Energy Manager application.

### PLUG-IT\_110 system requirements

- ✓ Computer with integrated Wi-Fi running Windows 7 or Windows 8, with Internet access
- ✓ Wireless Wi-Fi router that supports WEP (64-bit or 128-bit), WPA/WPA2 or unsecured network setup
- ✓ Wireless Wi-Fi router network name (SSID) and security key

***NOTE: PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software installation packages are available for Microsoft Windows 7/Windows 8. It is strongly recommended to initially configure PLUG-IT\_110 units with a Windows 7 or Windows 8 computer due to enhancements in wireless networking capabilities. For example, PLUG-IT\_110 units can be configured automatically using Windows 7 or Windows 8.***

The following 6 steps highlight how a PLUG-IT\_110 plug is prepared for use.



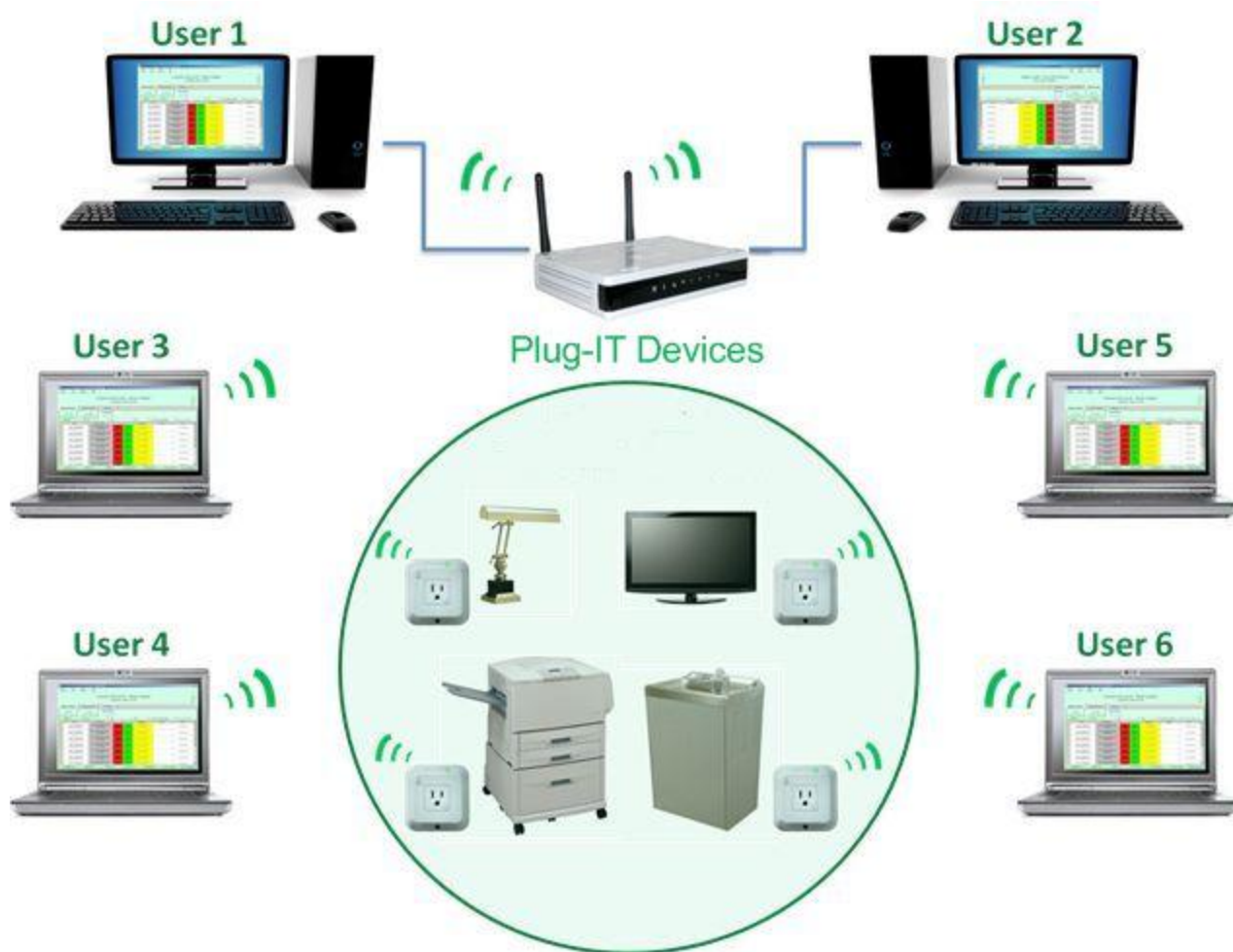
These steps are covered in the installation section ([Section 3](#)) and PLUG-IT Energy Manager operation section ([Section 5](#)). It is recommended to read this manual in full. However, users can refer



to the PLUG-IT\_110 Quick Start Guides for Windows 7 or Windows 8 to immediately configure and begin using PLUG-IT\_110 units.

## 2.5 PLUG-IT\_110 multiple network users

After PLUG-IT\_110 units are configured, any computer that 1) has PLUG-IT Energy Manager software installed and 2) is on the same network as the PLUG-IT\_110 units, can access, control and program schedules into the PLUG-IT\_110 units.



PLUG-IT Energy Manager can be installed to run with built in priority levels for each PLUG-IT user in order to minimize PLUG-

IT\_110 scheduling conflicts among users. For example, an office manager may have power control access to a printer or water cooler that an office assistant may not.



### **3 PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software installation**

PLUG-IT Energy Manager software is available for computers running Microsoft Windows Vista/Windows 7 or 8. Follow the directions below to download and install PLUG-IT Energy Manager onto the desired computer.

As a reminder, the computer intended to be used for PLUG-IT\_110 configuration must be able to access the WLAN as the PLUG-IT's, illustrated as USER1 & USER2 above. A computer without integral Wi-Fi capability cannot configure the PLUG-IT\_110 plugs while in ADHOC mode.

#### **3.1 PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software download**

Contact Energy Systems Technologies for the latest Version available.

#### **3.2 Begin PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software installation**

Follow the on screen prompts to install PLUG-IT Energy Manager. Use the table below as a guide during the PLUG-IT Energy Manager installation.

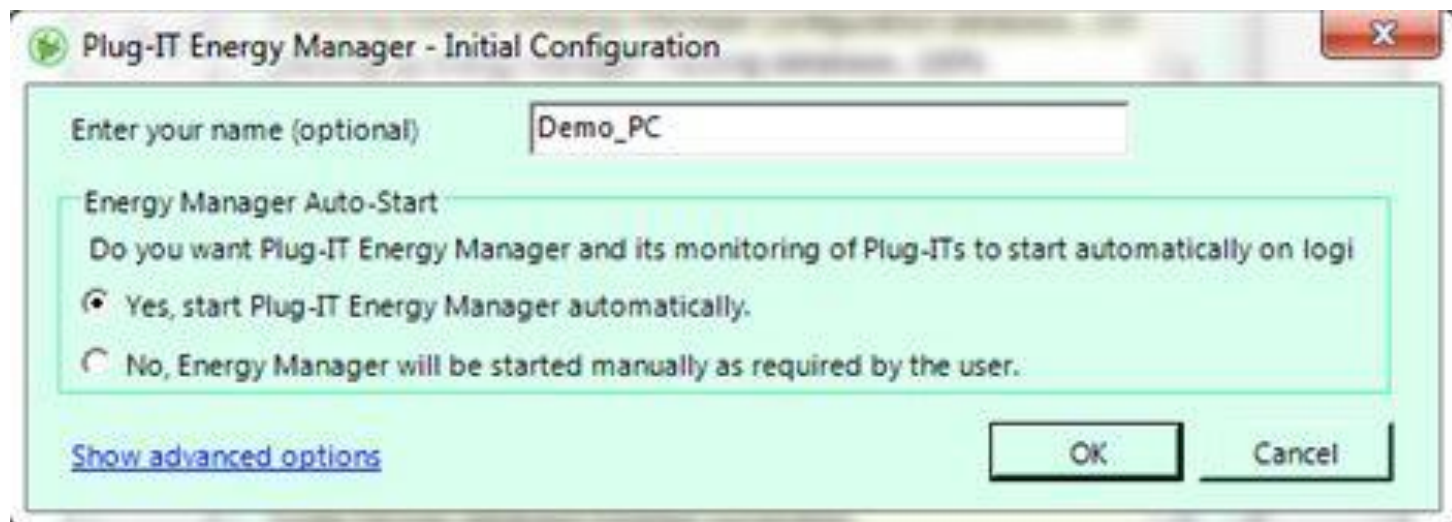
Microsoft .NET Framework 4 is required by PLUG-IT Energy Manager. PLUG-IT Energy Manager will install .NET Framework 4 onto the computer as part of the standard installation.

Security Warning / User Account Control message	Click <b>Run or Yes</b>
WinZip Self-Extractor - PLUG-IT Energy Manager prompt	Click <b>Setup</b>
SQL Server Compact license (if necessary)	Click <b>Accept</b>
<i>The computer will download and install SQL Server Compact if needed</i>	
Welcome to PLUG-IT Energy Manager Setup Wizard	Click <b>Next</b>
Select installation folder for PLUG-IT Energy Manager	Click <b>Next</b>
Confirm installation settings	Click <b>Next</b>
<i>The computer will proceed with the PLUG-IT Energy Manager installation</i>	

### 3.3 PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software initial configuration setup (basic)

A 'PLUG-IT Energy Manager - Initial Configuration' window will appear during the PLUG-IT Energy Manager installation. A basic setup should be used when the PLUG-IT\_110 plugs will be

controlled from a single computer. It is recommended to leave all advanced options at their default settings.



<i>Basic recommended settings - Initial Configuration</i>	
Enter a computer or user name (optional)	Enter <b>Name</b>
Select Yes to Auto-Start PLUG-IT Energy Manager	Select <b>Yes</b>
Leave advanced options at default	Click <b>Ok</b>

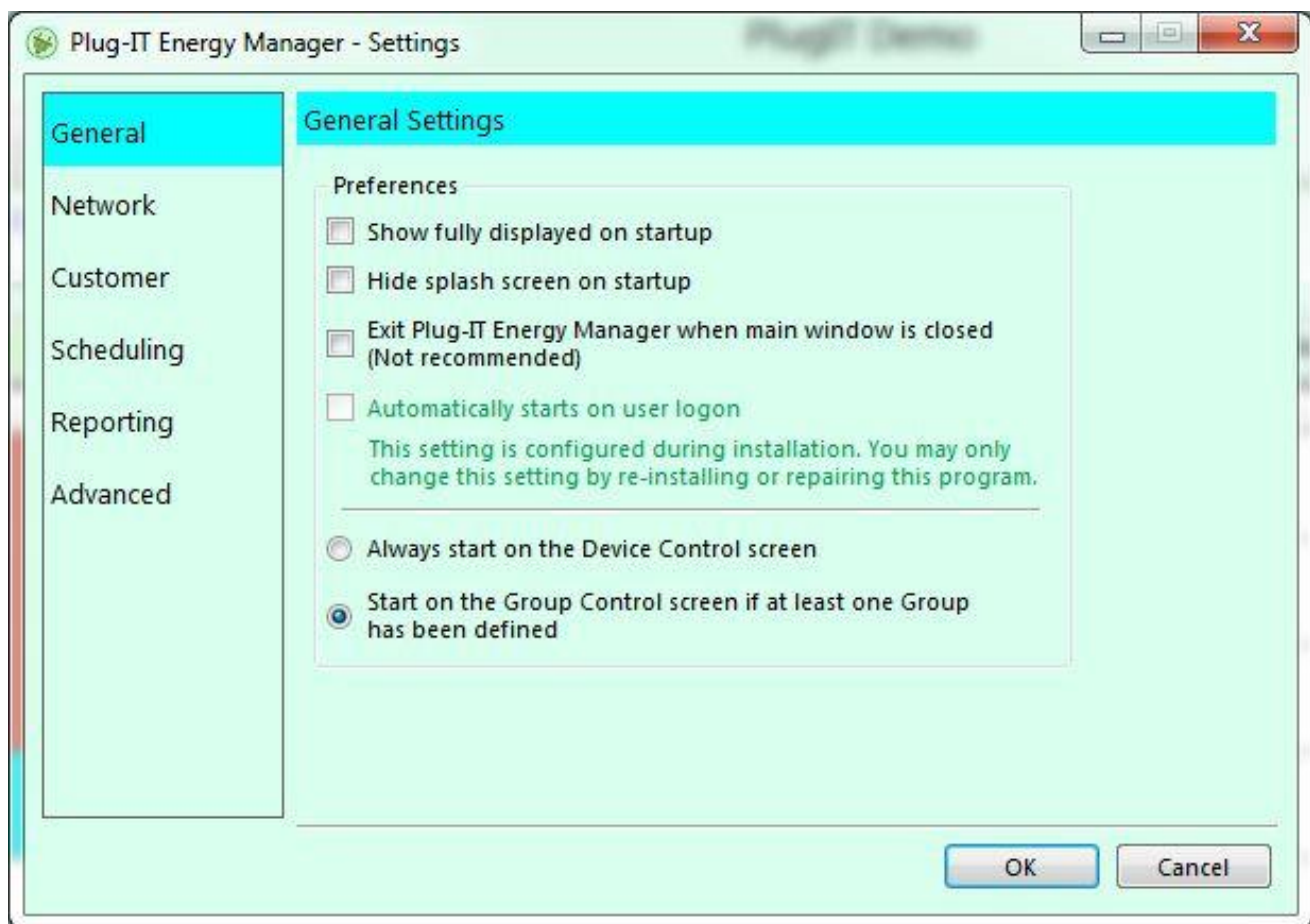
The computer will then complete the PLUG-IT Energy Manager installation.

<i>The computer will finish installation automatically</i>	
Installation complete prompt	Click <b>Close</b>

Continue to the PLUG-IT\_110 setup process in Section 4.

### 3.4 PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software initial configuration setup (advanced)

An advanced configuration setup is only necessary when administrators want to establish a priority hierarchy among users in order to mitigate conflicting schedules between multiple PLUG-IT Energy Manager users. Most users will not need to configure these settings.



The advanced settings are explained below.

<b><i>PLUG-IT Clock</i></b>	
<p>This setting ensures that the PLUG-IT_110 will execute its ON/OFF schedule in sync with the PLUG-IT Energy Manager computer's time.</p> <p>Available synchronization options are: hourly, every 4 hours, every 12 hours, daily or weekly.</p>	<p>Select <b>Synchronize</b> Select <b>Hourly</b></p>
<b><i>PLUG-IT Multi-User Access</i></b>	
<p>If all PLUG-IT Energy Manager users on a network are permitted to have equal scheduling access to PLUG-IT_110 units then leave the setting at <b>Simple</b>.</p> <p>In some situations, office administrators or managers will want to limit PLUG-IT Energy Manager user scheduling access to certain PLUG-IT_110 units. If this is the case, select <b>Comprehensive</b>. Refer to <a href="#">Section 3.5</a> for further discussion on Comprehensive priority settings.</p>	<p>Select <b>Simple</b> Click <b>OK</b></p>

The computer will then complete the PLUG-IT Energy Manager installation.

<i>The computer will finish installation automatically</i>	
Installation complete prompt	Click <b>Close</b>

Continue to the PLUG-IT\_110 setup process in Section 4.

### 3.5 Comprehensive priority settings (advanced)

Establishing a range of priorities for each user prevents conflicts in PLUG-IT\_110 scheduling throughout an office. Each PLUG-IT Energy Manager user may have different scheduling requirements from PLUG-IT\_110 units. The tables below highlights some users and what their key concerns may be around the office.

User	Priority	Concern
Facilities MGR	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shut off vital systems during after hours emergencies</li> <li>• Minimize wear on compressors, mechanical systems</li> </ul>
Office MGR	Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Save power by turning off unnecessary lights, devices</li> <li>• Lowering operating expenses</li> </ul>
Employee	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turn off desk lamp</li> <li>• Turn off printer and computer</li> </ul>

PLUG-IT Energy Manager administrators can set higher priorities to PLUG-IT\_110 devices that address their requirements.

User	Max Priority Level	Initial Priority Level	Reason
Facilities MGR	100	50	Schedules/controls on critical equipment cannot be overridden. They are only concerned with equipment operation and will not assign BERT schedules to anything but facility equipment except in the case of emergency.
Office MGR	70	30	Wants to manage office at high level. Doesn't want employees to override power saving schedule. Unconcerned with individual desk power usage. Limited access to override some of facility manger's BERT schedules and controls in case of emergency.
Employee	30	10	Local control of desk area and limited BERTs. No access to energy saving plan BERTs or facilities BERTs. Can set max priority of 30 to own devices to prevent other non-management employees from overwriting schedule.

Once the maximum and initial priority levels are assigned and entered, the minimum priority level required for a change should be assigned. It is recommended to leave the minimum priority level the same as the current priority level.

## 4 Configure PLUG-IT\_110 with Setup Wizard

PLUG-IT Energy Manager includes a PLUG-IT\_110 Setup Wizard that takes users step by step through the configuration process. The setup wizard configures the PLUG-IT\_110 units for network use.

*As previously stated, it is strongly recommended to initially configure PLUG-IT\_110 units with a Windows 7 or Windows 8 computer due to enhancements in wireless networking capabilities found in Windows 7/Windows 8. For example, PLUG-IT\_110 units can be configured automatically and in groups using Vista/Windows 7.*

Prior to running the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard, the PLUG-IT Energy Manager user will need the Service Set Identification (SSID) of their wireless router and the security key or code. PLUG-IT\_110 units only support the following network security protocols:

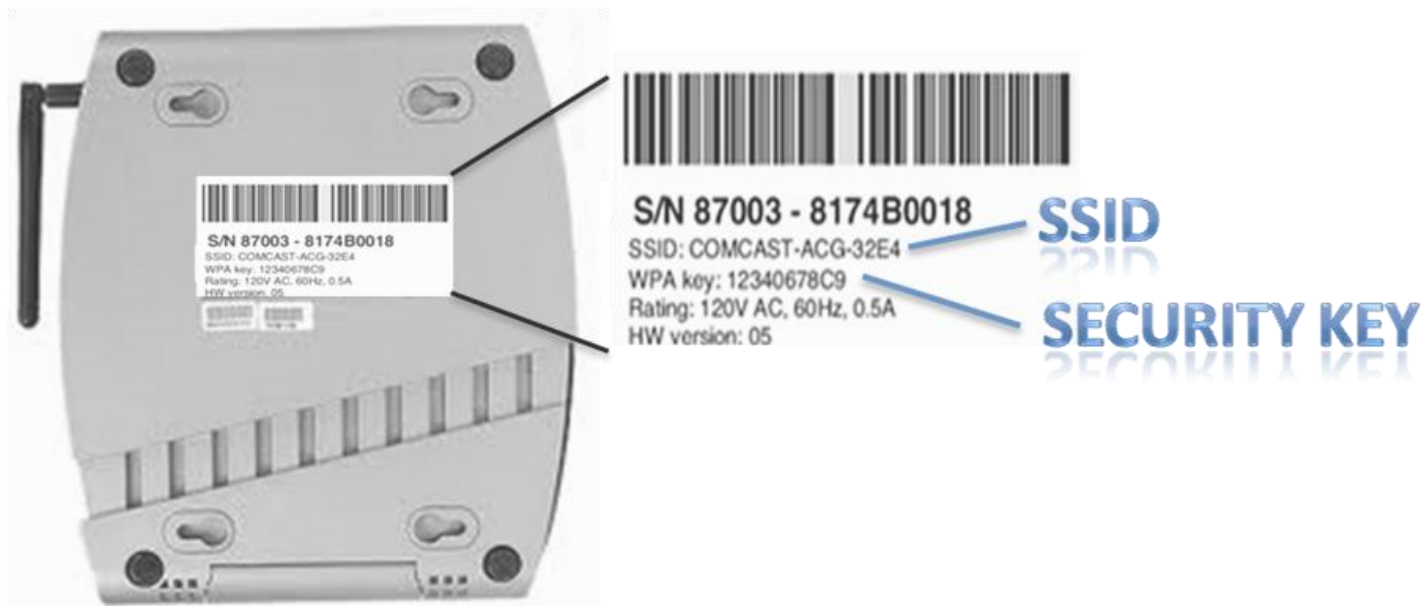
- ✓ WEP (64-bit and 128-bit)
- ✓ WPA/WPA2
- ✓ Unsecured (no security key or code)

SSID and security information for wireless routers can be obtained several ways:

- ✓ From a label affixed to the wireless router
- ✓ From the office IT administrator



The illustration below highlights a typical wireless router label. The SSID and security code are printed on the label.



Write the SSID and security key down. Double check the security key because letters and numbers are used and can be easily mixed up. Note the type of security that is listed on the label. In the example above, the security type is WPA. Proceed to run the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard.

## 4.1 PLUG-IT Setup Wizard (Windows 7/Windows 8)

Vista/Windows 7 incorporates wireless networking improvements to make configuring PLUG-IT\_110 units easy. The PLUG-IT Setup

Wizard can automatically find and process multiple PLUG-IT\_110 units.

Locate and run PLUG-IT Energy Manager from the Wi-Fi enabled computer.

### Start Menu > Programs



### Desktop shortcut icon

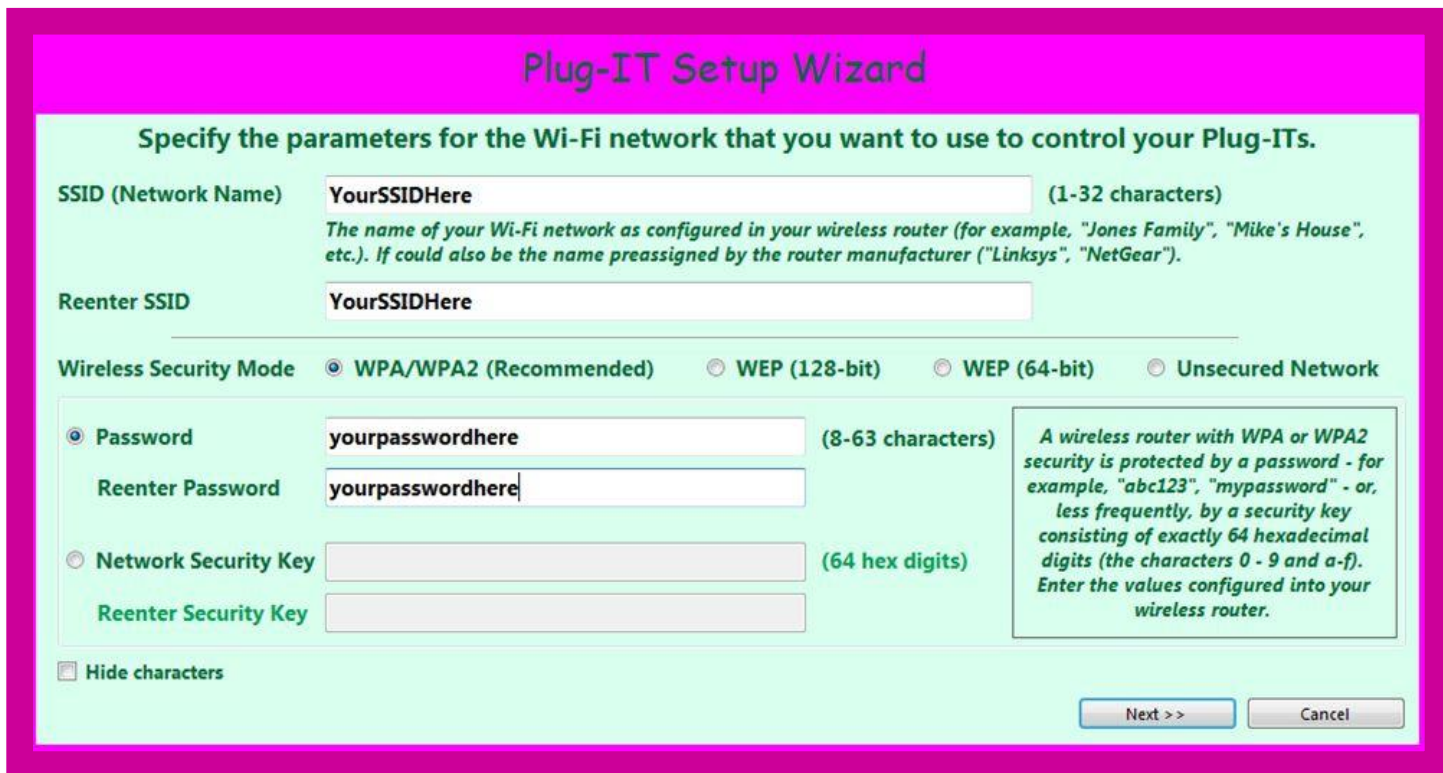


The congratulations screen will appear after PLUG-IT Energy Manager is launched. Note that the link to the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard is located within Step 4. Click the link to proceed.

Use the tables below to assist during the PLUG-IT\_110 configuration.

<i>PLUG-IT Setup Wizard - Enter Network Parameters</i>	
Specify Network Parameters- SSID & Security	Enter <b>SSID</b> Select <b>Security Mode</b> Enter <b>Security Key</b> Reenter <b>Security Key</b> Click <b>Next</b>

Network parameters are gathered from the wireless router as shown above in [Section 4](#).



**Plug-IT Setup Wizard**

Specify the parameters for the Wi-Fi network that you want to use to control your Plug-ITs.

SSID (Network Name)  (1-32 characters)  
The name of your Wi-Fi network as configured in your wireless router (for example, "Jones Family", "Mike's House", etc.). It could also be the name preassigned by the router manufacturer ("Linksys", "NetGear").

Reenter SSID

Wireless Security Mode ☒ WPA/WPA2 (Recommended) ☐ WEP (128-bit) ☐ WEP (64-bit) ☐ Unsecured Network

☒ Password  (8-63 characters)  
 Reenter Password

☐ Network Security Key  (64 hex digits)  
 Reenter Security Key

☐ Hide characters

A wireless router with WPA or WPA2 security is protected by a password - for example, "abc123", "mypassword" - or, less frequently, by a security key consisting of exactly 64 hexadecimal digits (the characters 0 - 9 and a-f). Enter the values configured into your wireless router.

### *PLUG-IT Setup Wizard - setting PLUG-IT\_110 into ad hoc mode*

Place PLUG-IT\_110 units in ad hoc mode

Click **Next**

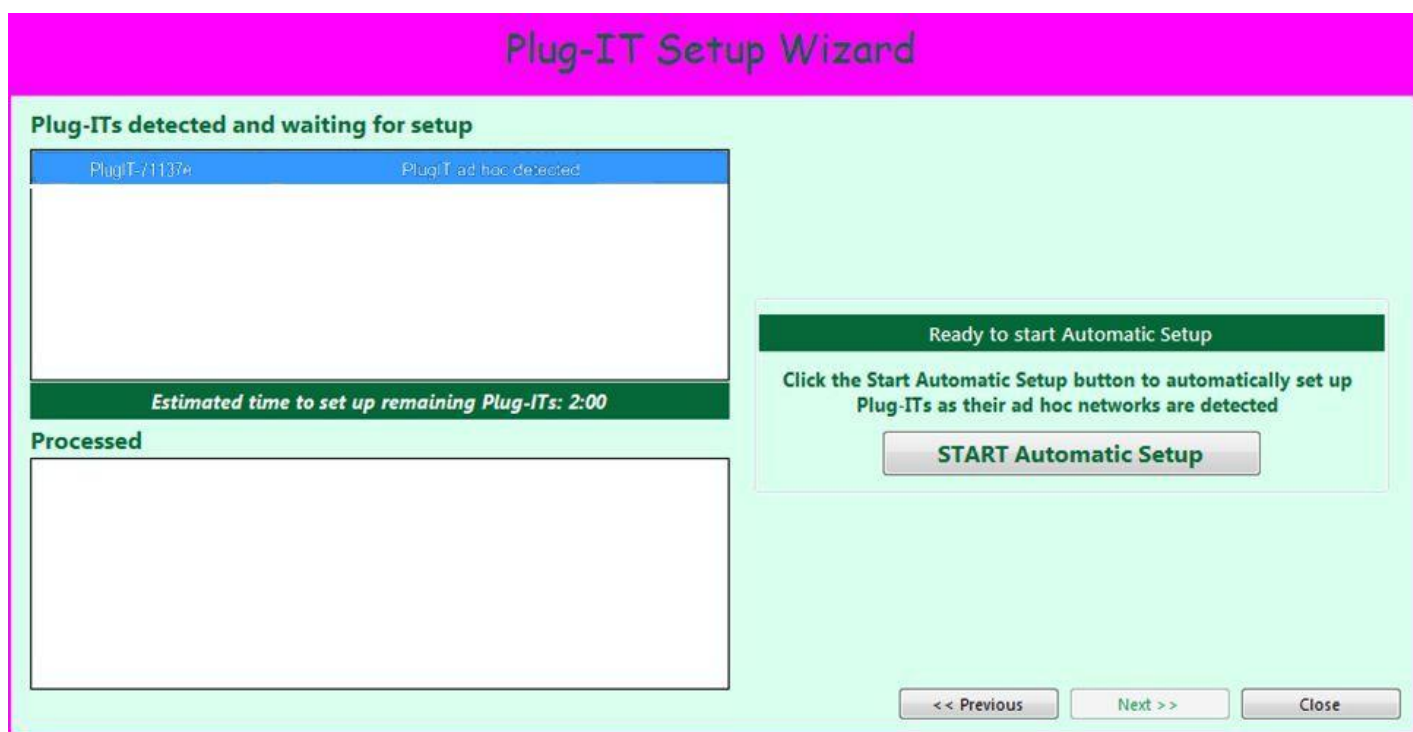
Follow the onscreen instructions. Press and hold the button on the top of the PLUG-IT\_110 for 20 seconds. A green LED under the right side of the button will begin to light continuously. After the LED is steady lit, the PLUG-IT\_110 is ready to configure.



Multiple PLUG-IT\_110 units can be configured with the Windows 7 PLUG-IT Setup Wizard. Plug each PLUG-IT\_110 unit into a wall outlet and hold the power button on each unit for 20 seconds.

<i>PLUG-IT Setup Wizard - Automatic PLUG-IT_110 setup</i>	
Begin Automatic PLUG-IT_110	Click <b>Start Automatic Setup</b>
End Automatic PLUG-IT_110 setup	Click <b>Stop Automatic Setup</b>
If done with PLUG-IT_110	Click <b>Close</b>

Once the automatic setup begins, the setup wizard will continually scan for PLUG-IT\_110 units set in ad hoc mode. After a PLUG-IT\_110 is detected, the setup wizard will automatically process the unit. This automatic setup will continue until the user stops the setup.



As PLUG-IT\_110 units are successfully processed they will be displayed in the processed window. Any PLUG-IT\_110 units that have successfully processed are now ready for use with PLUG-IT Energy Manager. Continue to run the automatic setup until all PLUG-IT\_110 units are configured.

## 5 Using PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software

### 5.1 Operational overview

PLUG-IT Energy Manager permits single and multi-user access to all configured PLUG-IT\_110 units. PLUG-IT Energy Manager allows users to schedule PLUG-IT\_110 ON and OFF times for each unit or in unit groups. Users can also directly turn PLUG-IT\_110 units ON and OFF individually or in groups and create and view power saving reports.

Any user with PLUG-IT Energy Manager installed and network access to the wireless router connected to PLUG-IT\_110 units can see and operate the units.

### 5.2 Launch PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software

Locate and run PLUG-IT Energy Manager from any computer on the same network as the configured PLUG-IT\_110 units.

#### Start Menu > Programs



#### Desktop



PLUG-IT Energy Manager will review the host computer's network connectivity after the software is launched. PLUG-IT Energy Manager should report **1 network active** (or more networks active) if network connections are available on the computer. Double check your computer's network cables and configuration if the Network Status on the PLUG-IT Energy Manager main page reports **No networks active**. No networks active means that PLUG-IT Energy Manager cannot find any active network connections on the computer.

PLUG-IT Energy Manager network configuration settings are available through the **Configure\Network Settings** link on the taskbar. The user can select which adapter among the multiple computer network connections has network access to the PLUG-IT\_110 units. Refer to an IT administrator for more information.

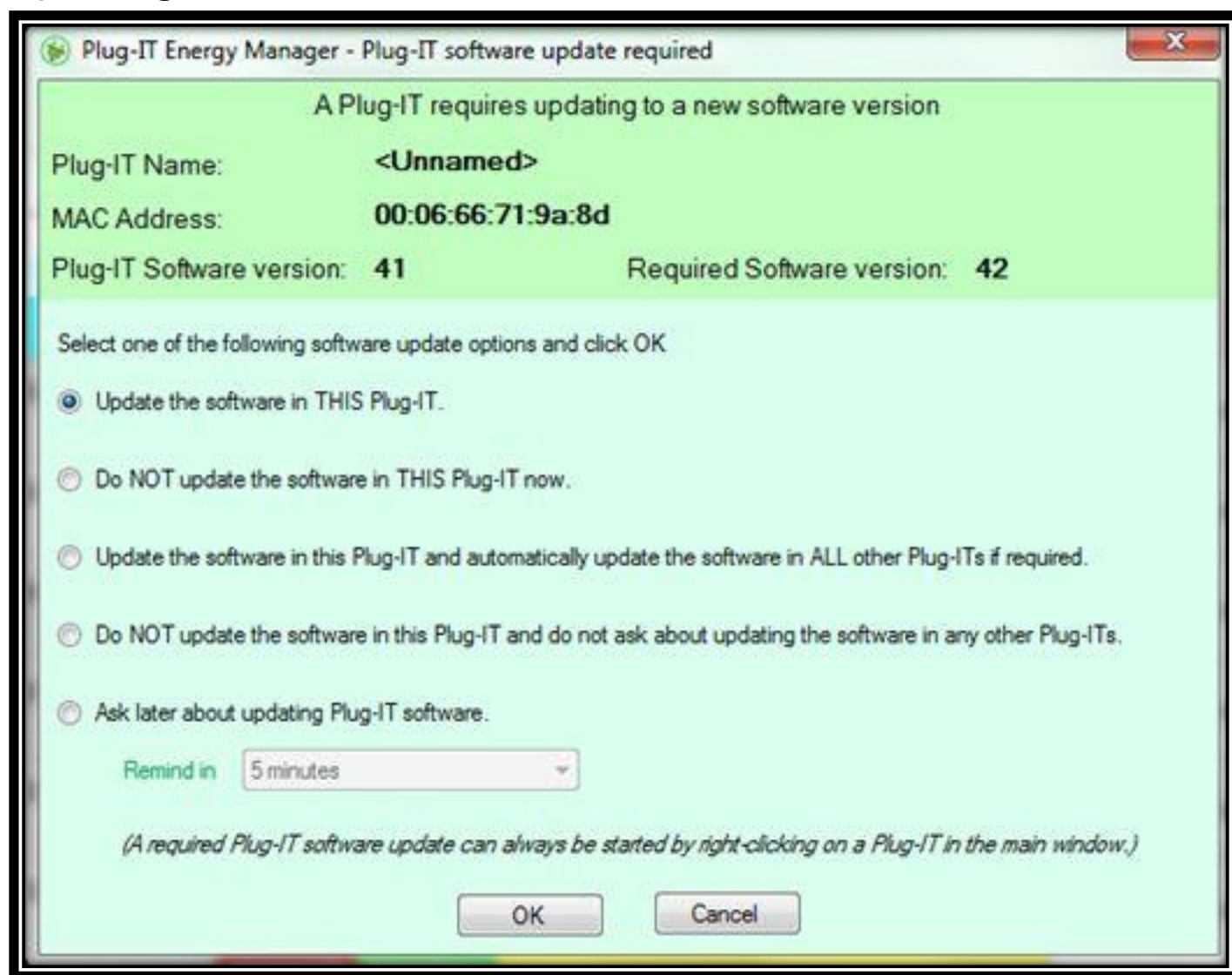
After the network on the computer is setup properly, PLUG-IT Energy Manager will begin listening for PLUG-IT\_110 units on the network connection over UDP (User Datagram Protocol) port 8255 (default). PLUG-IT\_110 units should begin appearing in the main PLUG-IT Energy Manager Device Control window if the computer is on the proper network and the PLUG-IT\_110 units are correctly configured.



There may be firewall settings on your wireless router that prevent PLUG-IT\_110 units from appearing in PLUG-IT Energy Manager. Some firewall settings may block incoming UDP packets from the PLUG-IT\_110 units.

## 5.3 PLUG-IT Energy Manager Software dashboard

Updating the firmware of the PLUG-ITs®

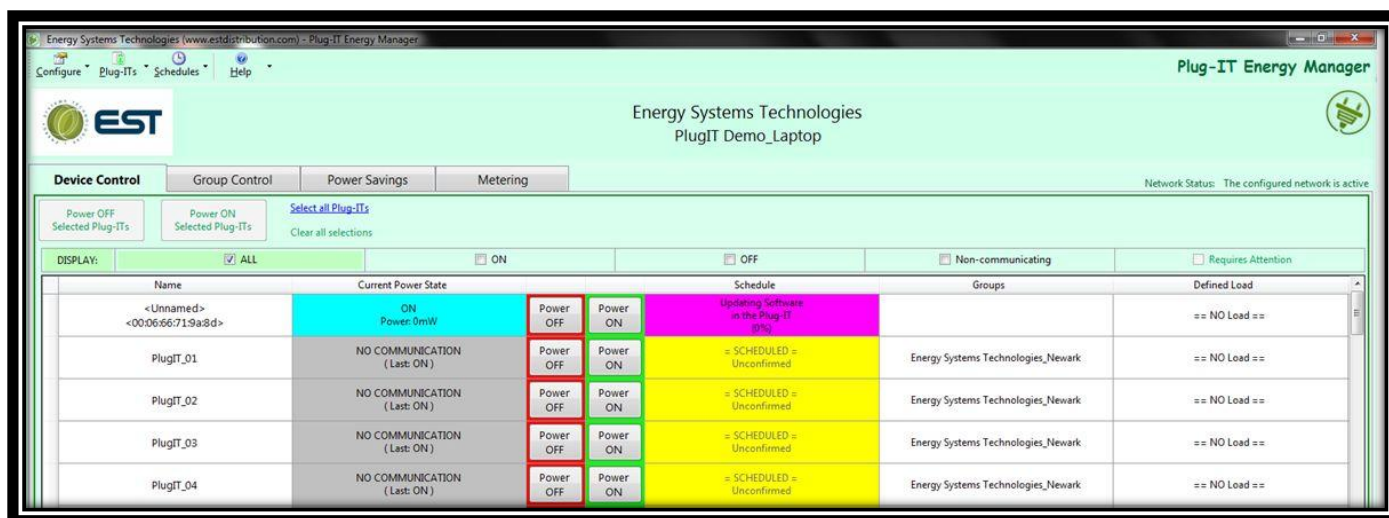




\*Prior to the PLUG-IT Energy Manager software presentation, the software will recognize if a firmware upgrade to the PLUG-IT is required. You have the option to update the current PLUG-IT or Update ALL of the PLUG-ITs as they are recognized by PLUG-IT sw.

The PLUG-IT dashboard is segmented into 3 parts:

- ✓ Taskbar
- ✓ Function tabs
- ✓ PLUG-IT\_110 status area



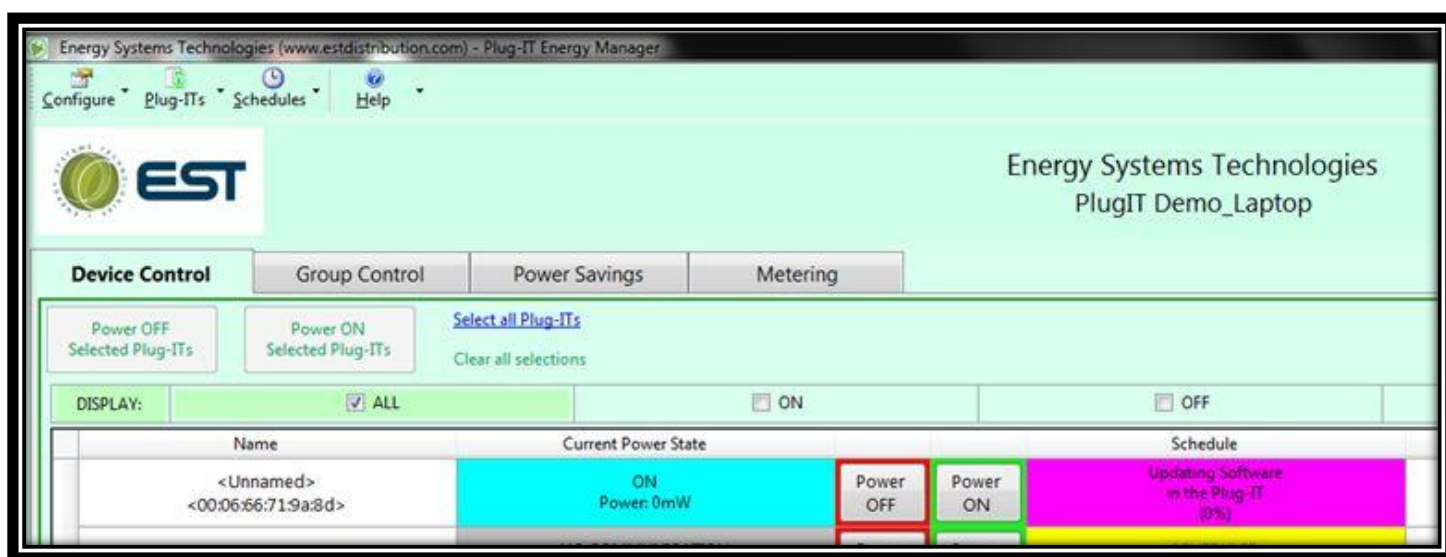
### 5.3.1 Function Tab - Device Control



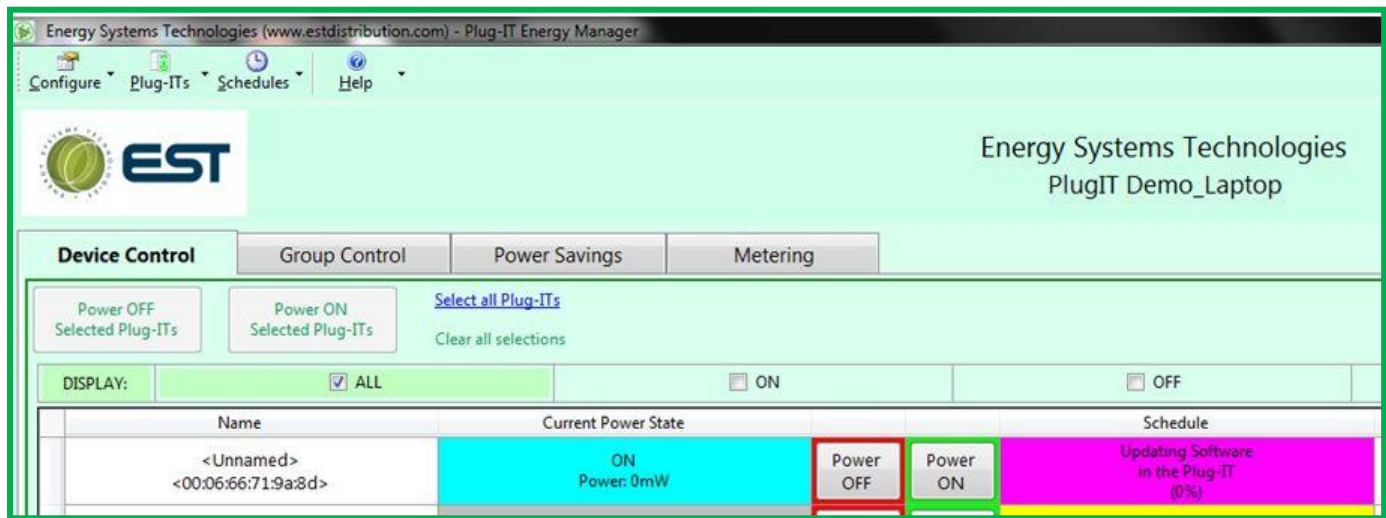
The Device Control tab provides a running list of all PLUG-IT\_110 units currently detected by PLUG-IT Energy Manager. This list includes information for each PLUG-IT\_110 unit: the PLUG-IT 110

unit name, unit MAC address, ON/OFF status, ON/OFF power controls, programmed schedule status, group affiliation and load information (i.e. device plugged into PLUG-IT\_110).

The 2 PLUG-IT\_110 units below are freshly configured and one has an assigned name, group affiliation, schedule or load. This is how PLUG-IT\_110 units will appear in the Device Control window.



PLUG-IT Energy Manager checks the software of each PLUG-IT\_110 unit. PLUG-IT Energy Manager may automatically perform software updates on PLUG-IT\_110 units with older software. PLUG-IT Energy Manager will notify the user when the PLUG-IT\_110 software is being updated. PLUG-IT Energy Manager provides a real time update status percentage in the Device control screen and notifies the operator when the update is complete.



If the programming fails, the reason for failure is displayed for 30 seconds and another attempt is made to program after another 5 minutes. A maximum of 10 PLUG-ITs are programmed concurrently in order to regulate the network load.

Users can explore the different features of the Device Control tab.

Users can confirm PLUG-IT function by switching the unit off and then on using the **Power OFF** and **Power ON** buttons. Note that the current power state field of the devices update as they switch OFF and ON.



*A Power OFF or Power ON command may take several seconds to initiate due to network latency and because the PLUG-IT\_110 may first need to wake up from its sleep mode before executing the command.*

The PLUG-IT\_110 status area provides numerous ways to filter, display and select PLUG-IT\_110 units. Users can display several series of PLUG-ITs: ALL, ON (units), OFF (units), Non-communicating (units) and Requires Attention (if applicable) by clicking the check boxes in the **DISPLAY** row. Various PLUG-IT\_110 unit status counters are located at the bottom of the status area.

A shortcut PLUG-IT\_110 configuration menu opens by clicking the RH mouse button over one PLUG-IT\_110 unit. This function can also be reached by the **PLUG-ITs\Configure PLUG-ITs and Groups\Configure** link on the taskbar.

### 5.3.2 Function Tab - Group Control



Group controls allow users to manage the control of PLUG-ITs together and eliminates the hassle of individually managing units. Click the link on the screen to set up the first group. This menu can also be accessed through the **PLUG-ITs\Configure PLUG-ITs and Groups\** link on the taskbar.

Once a group is formed, the group of PLUG-IT\_110 units will be displayed in the PLUG-IT\_110 Group Control status area window. Users can select the group they want to control and power PLUG-IT\_110 units ON or OFF as a group.

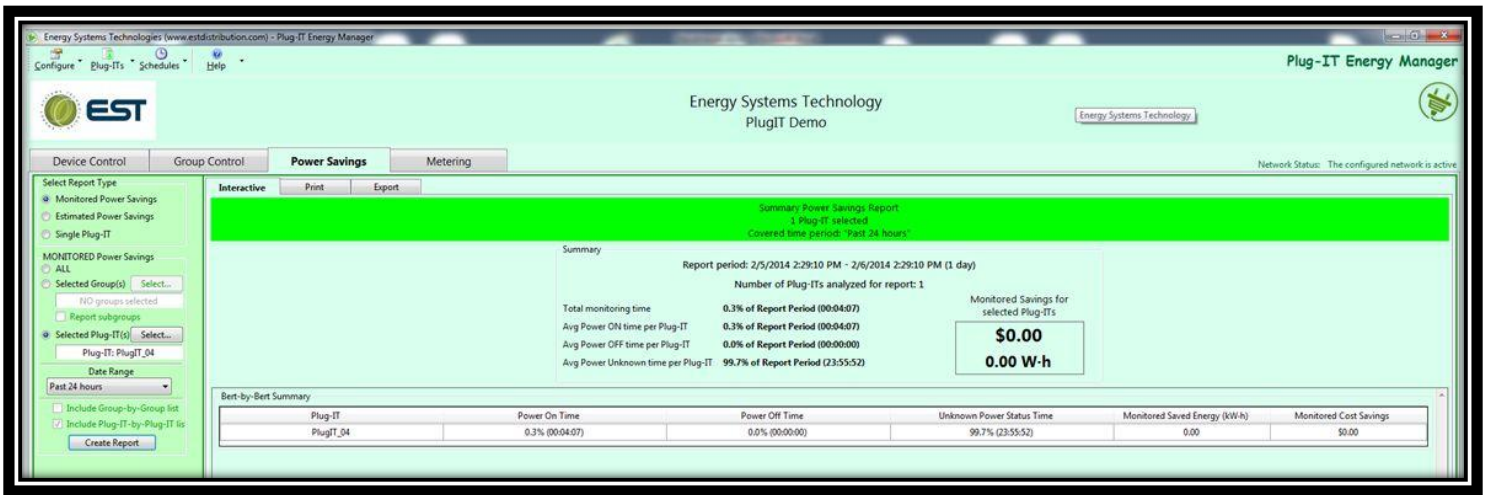
### 5.3.3 Function Tab –Power Savings



PLUG-IT provides three different reports: Single PLUG-IT, Monitored Power Savings and Estimated Power Savings.

It is recommended to first enter your KWh cost with the **Configure\Settings\Reporting** setting in the PLUG-IT Energy Manager taskbar [\(Section 5.3.4\)](#). The reports will use this value to calculate cost savings from your PLUG-IT\_110 units.

Accurate reports are dependent on the correctness and completion of information contained within the user created load devices. Refer to **Configure\My Load Devices** on the PLUG-IT taskbar to setup load devices [\(Section 5.3.4\)](#). Start by clicking one of the three report types after the KWh cost and load device information is in place. Next, choose either ALL PLUG-ITs, a Selected Group of PLUG-ITs (including or excluding subgroups) or choose specific PLUG-ITs. If ALL PLUG-ITs are selected, choose to report in a Group-by-Group or PLUG-IT-by-PLUG-IT list. Choose whether to report in PLUG-IT-by-PLUG-IT list if Selected Group of PLUG-ITs are selected. Click a Date Range spanning a week to a year or use a custom Date-Time range and finally click **Create Report**. A savings report can be viewed or printed with the Print tab.



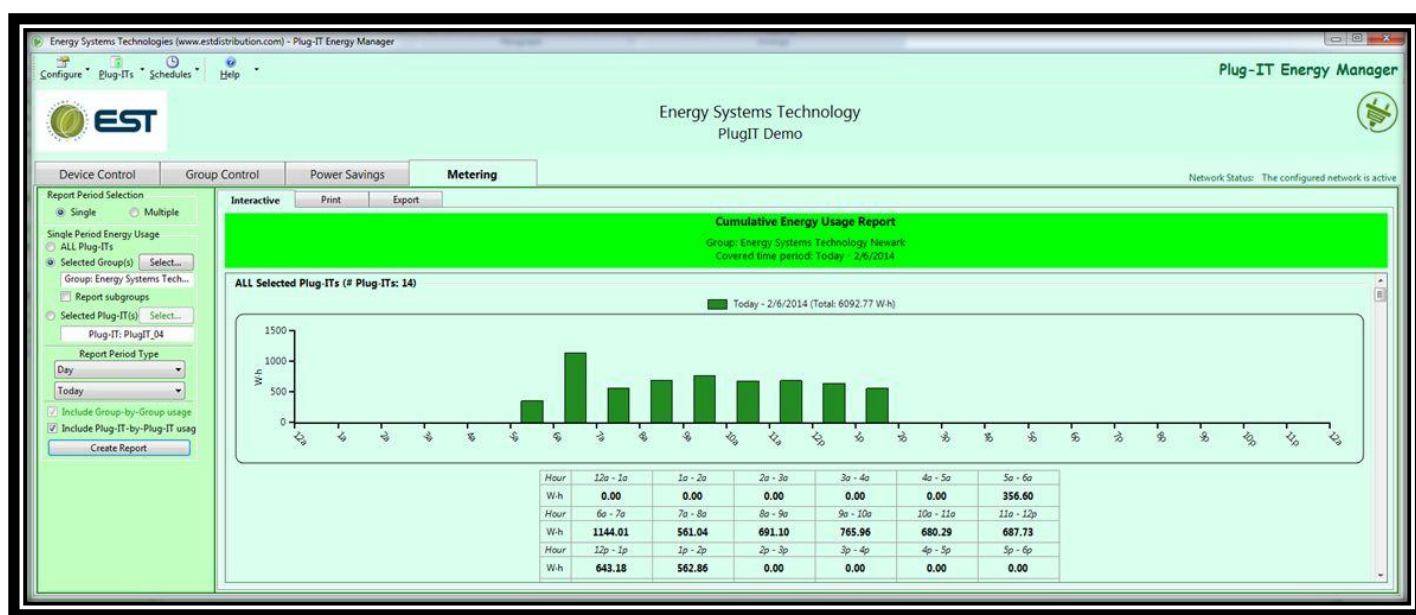
The accuracy of the reports depends on the length of time that PLUG-IT Energy Manager has been running and if PLUG-IT Energy Manager has maintained connectivity with the PLUG-IT\_110 units. PLUG-IT\_110 units do not independently collect reporting data.

Leave PLUG-IT Energy Manager running on a computer with network connectivity to the PLUG-IT\_110 units to collect the most information for these reports.

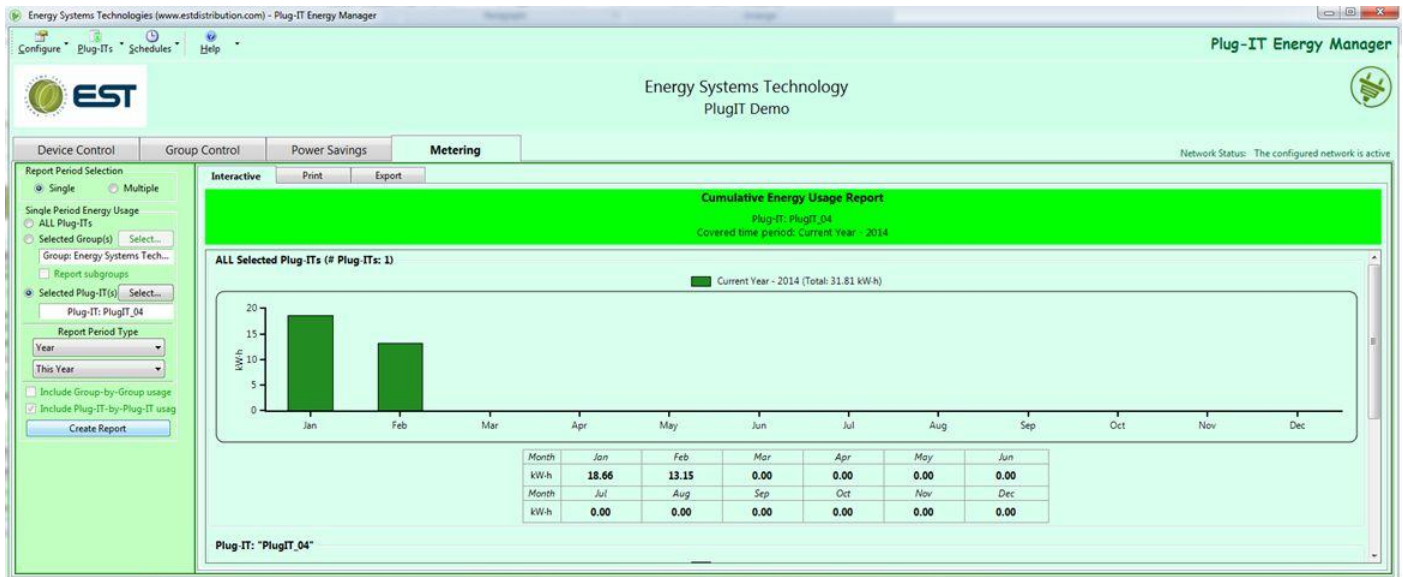


### 5.3.4 Function Tab – Metering

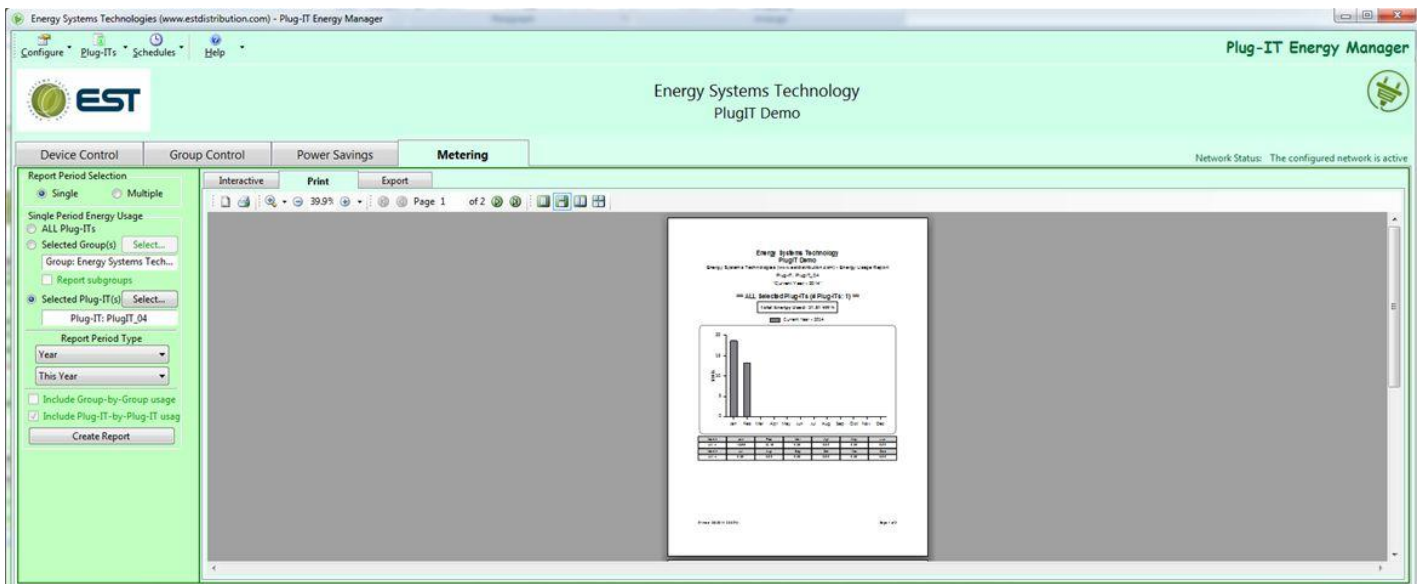
The metering function of PLUG-IT Energy Manager allows for the selection on a **single** period, all PLUG-ITs by group or individual and also the selection of Report Period.



The metering function of PLUG-IT Energy Manager allows for the selection on multiple periods, all PLUG-ITs by group or individual and also the selection of Report Period.

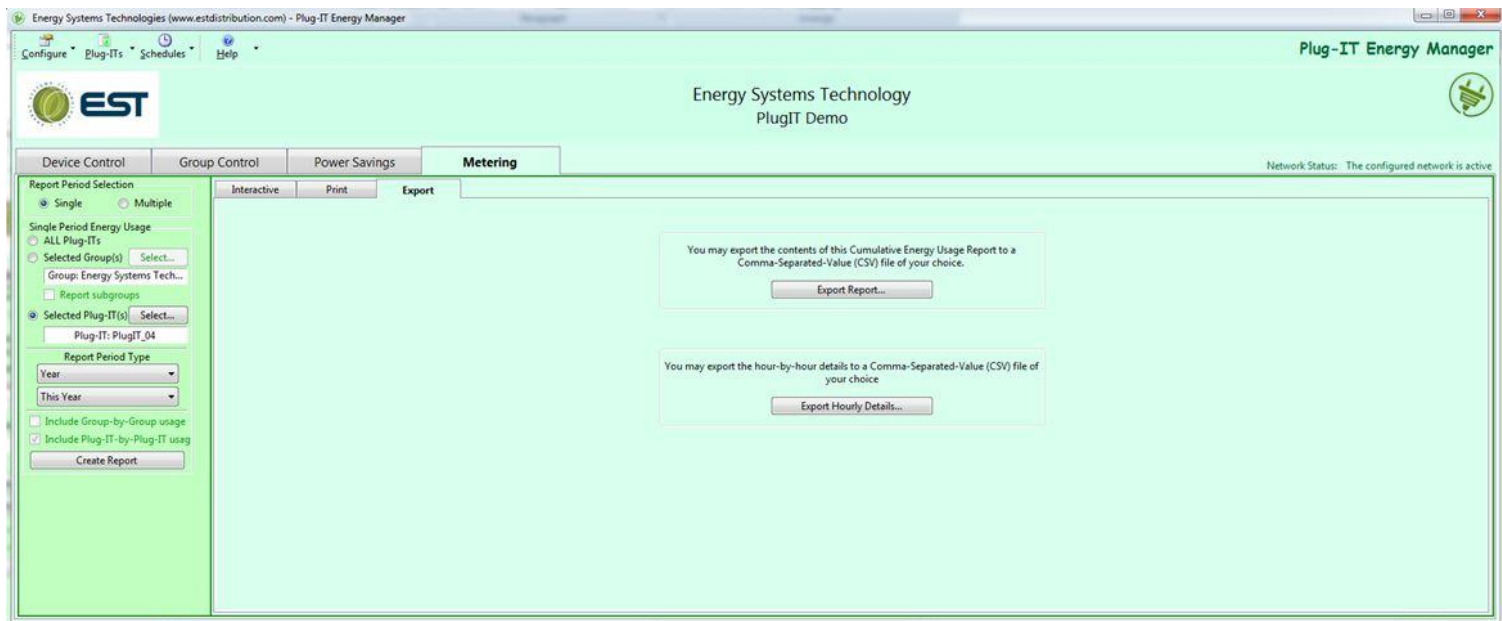


Once create report is selected you will see the interactive page. On this screen you have the option to **print** or export to a .csv for review or sharing with other team members.



... or export to a .csv





### 5.3.4 Taskbar - Configure command(s)

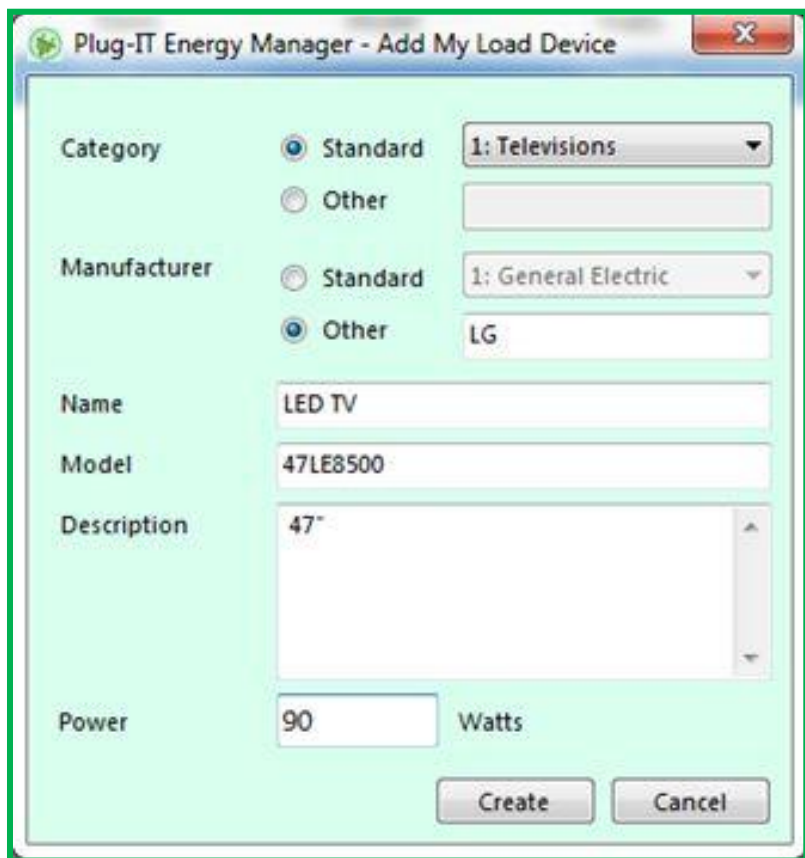
**Settings-** Users can modify the following PLUG-IT Energy Manager settings:

- ✓ **General-** Provides options to Change PLUG-IT startup and exit behavior. These are customer preference options.
- ✓ **Network (advanced)-** The user can select between available networks connections on the computer to communicate with the PLUG-IT\_110 units. Refer to [Section 5.2](#) for more networking information.
- ✓ **Customer-** Allows users to customize title information on the PLUG-IT Energy Manager dashboard and add an icon.

- ✓ **Scheduling-** This allows users to change priority scheduling settings made during installation except that users cannot change the maximum priority level assigned during installation. Scheduler name, current and minimum priority levels assignments can be changed.
- ✓ **Reporting-** Users can enter their average cost of electricity (per kWh). This value will be used to calculate cost savings in the reports.

**My Load Devices-** A Load Device is defined as any device that plugs into the PLUG-IT. This can vary from an office lamp to a water cooler to fans to TVs and more. Users can create their own local database by entering information for their specific load devices here. The power value specified for a load device is used to calculate the power savings in the reports. This information must be entered if cost or energy savings reports are desired.

Click **Add load device** to create a load device. Next, add load device information. Select a standard category or make your own. Next, select a manufacturer or add your own. Follow up with device name, model and description. Power information is often available on the device's label, manual or online.



Plug-IT Energy Manager - Add My Load Device

Category: ☒ Standard 1: Televisions  
☐ Other

Manufacturer: ☐ Standard 1: General Electric  
☒ Other LG

Name: LED TV

Model: 47LE8500

Description: 47"


Power: 90 Watts

Create Cancel



This is an example of an LED TV load device being added.  
 Click **Create** when finished.

After adding your load device(s), the My Load Devices table will show the device(s). The table below shows the LED TV added. Users can add more load devices or modify or delete load devices.



Plug-IT Energy Manager - My Load Devices

Device #	Category	Manufacturer	Name	Model	Watts	Description
1	Coffee Machine	ABC	Coffee Machine		1,000.00	
2	Televisions	LG	LED TV	47LE8500	90.00	47"

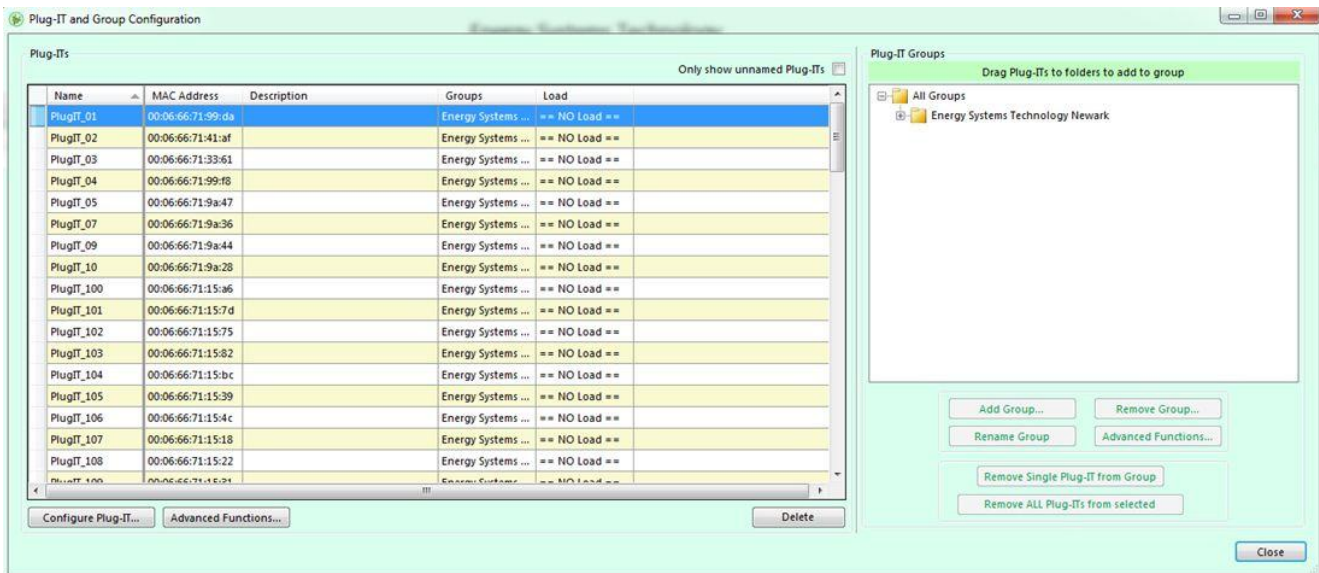
Modify Load Device... Add Load Device... Delete Load Device... Close

### 5.3.5 Taskbar - PLUG-ITs command(s)

Users can add, configure and delete PLUG-ITs and PLUG-IT groups from this task. This is the main task selection used to manage PLUG-ITs. Click **PLUG-ITs\Configure PLUG-ITs and Groups** or double click the mouse over a PLUG-IT\_110 unit in Device Control to enter the menu.

**Configure PLUG-ITs and Groups-** After confirming that PLUG-IT sees the PLUG-IT\_110 units, the PLUG-ITs can be configured. Select a PLUG-IT from the PLUG-ITs list and click the

**Configure** button on the bottom left hand corner of the PLUG-ITs box.



The upper section of the PLUG-IT configuration is shown below.



Plug-IT Energy Manager - Configuring Plug-IT (00:06:66:71:99:f8)

MAC Address: 00:06:66:71:99:f8 IP Address: 10.12.12.136  
s/w version: 81001-42

Name: PlugIT\_04 Change Name...

Description:

Load Device: == NO Load ==  
Remove Load Device Show Load Devices >>

**MAC Address/IP Info**

**SW version**

**Enter PLUG-IT Name**

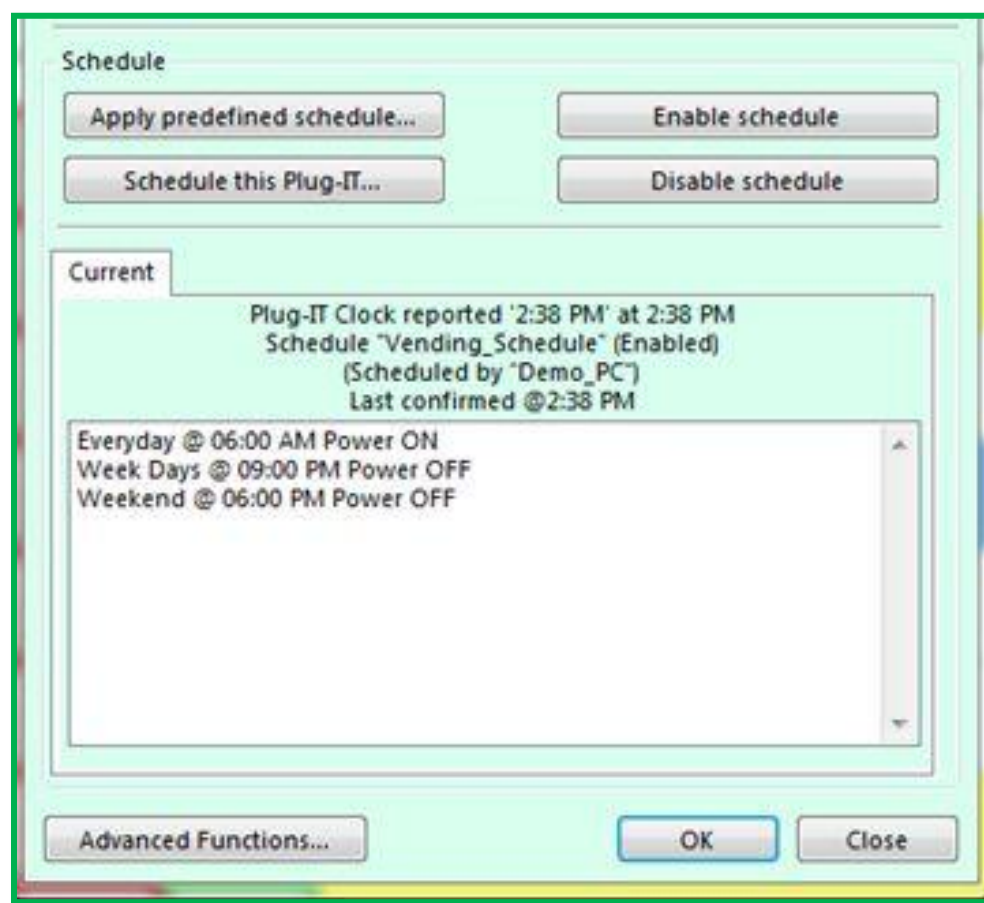
**Enter PLUG-IT**

**Description**

**Enter Load Device info**

The Load Device can either be a preloaded device or a device created in [Section 5.3.4](#).

The lower section of the PLUG-IT configuration is shown below.



Schedule

Apply predefined schedule... Enable schedule

Schedule this Plug-IT... Disable schedule

Current

Plug-IT Clock reported '2:38 PM' at 2:38 PM  
Schedule "Vending\_Schedule" (Enabled)  
(Scheduled by "Demo\_PC")  
Last confirmed @2:38 PM

Everyday @ 06:00 AM Power ON  
Week Days @ 09:00 PM Power OFF  
Weekend @ 06:00 PM Power OFF

Advanced Functions... OK Close

**Apply predefined schedule**

**Schedule this PLUG-IT**

**Enable schedule**

**Disable schedule**

**Apply predefined schedule-** Select between schedules made in [Section 5.3.6](#). After selecting a schedule, click Yes to confirm schedule. The schedule will then download into the PLUG-IT.

**Schedule this PLUG-IT-** Users can create and name schedules on the spot. Schedules can be single ON/OFF events or any desired combination of ON/OFF events during any day of the week.



Click Add On or Off Event to add an event, and then select ON or OFF, the day(s) of the week and the time. Click the arrows to move events up/down the list and click the X to remove. Click **Ok** and then **Yes** to confirm loading the schedule onto the PLUG-IT\_110.

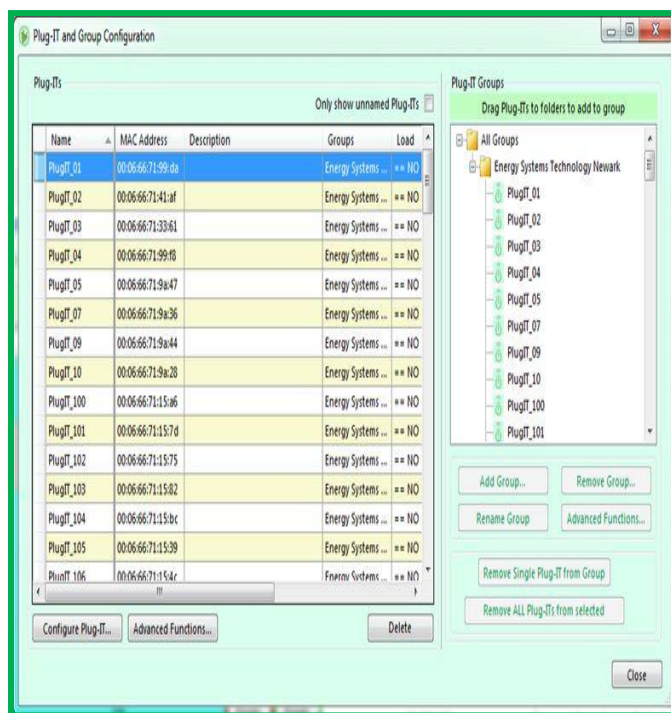
The schedule download status is available on the Device Control screen.



**Enable schedule-** Enables the last schedule loaded into the PLUG-IT.

**Disable schedule-** Disables the last schedule loaded into the PLUG-IT.

**PLUG-IT Groups-** Grouping PLUG-IT\_100 units is an easy way to manage and schedule units. As an example, floor 1 office lights may be in a group and floor 2 printers are in another group. Rather than creating and managing schedules for 20 individual PLUG-ITs, users can create groups to manage them.



Start by adding and naming a group. In this example a new group 'Floor 1 office lights' was added. After adding a group, drag and drop PLUG-ITs from the PLUG-IT row to the desired group folder.

Use the additional functions to manage groups: Configure, rename or remove groups and/or Remove Single PLUG-ITs or ALL PLUG-ITs from the selected group.

Groups will now display in the Group Control function tab.

**PLUG-IT Setup Wizard-** Click this link to kickoff the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard. Refer to [Section 4](#) for a full writeup on using the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard.

**PLUG-IT Advanced Setup Wizard-** These commands can only be run from a computer that has Wi-Fi access to the PLUG-IT\_110 units. There are three advanced setup options available:

- ✓ **Direct connection (ad-hoc connection between Wi-Fi computer and PLUG-IT\_110)-** This option is for a user that wishes to establish a 1:1 ad-hoc connection with a PLUG-IT\_110 unit instead of going over a wireless network. This is the same ad-hoc connection that is used to connect to PLUG-IT\_110 units during the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard.
- ✓ **Factory setup connection-** PLUG-ITs are preprogrammed from the factory to operate with a router using a specific SSID (Service Set Identification) and WPA passphrase. The SSID is **GPT** and the WPA passphrase is **PLUG-IT**. The PLUG-IT units will immediately connect to this network as they come from the factory. If a user configures a router with those specific SSID and WPA parameters, the PLUG-IT\_110 units can be easily configured for other network settings using this wireless router.

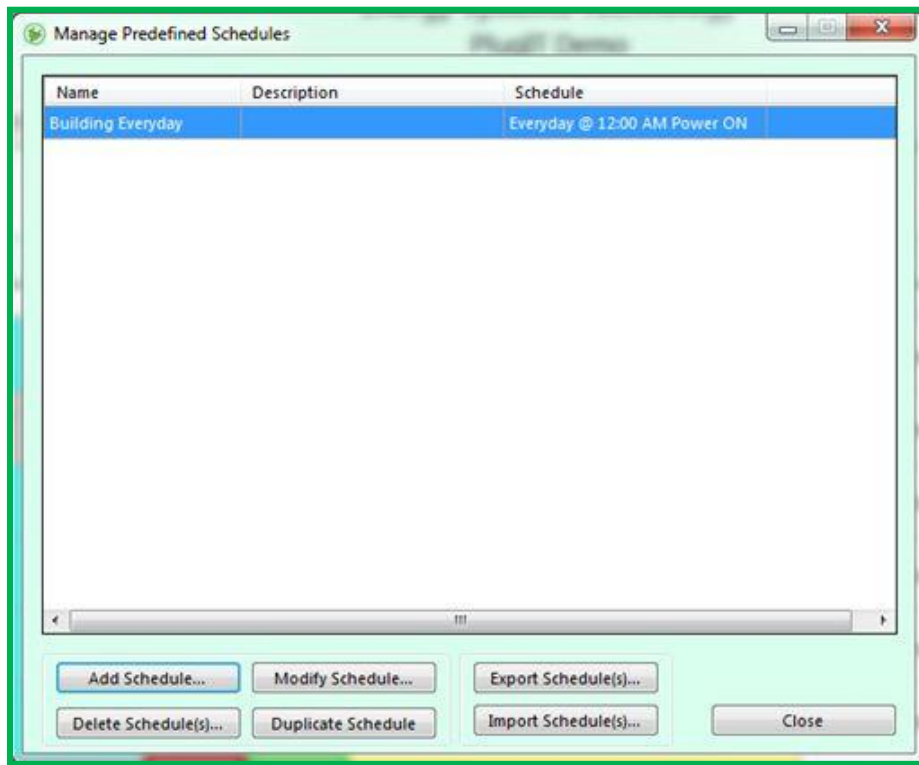


✓ **Change PLUG-IT\_110 network configuration-** This tool enables users to migrate PLUG-IT\_110 units that are accessible by this computer, to a new wireless router or update the parameters of the existing router without going through the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard. Follow the steps and add the new SSID and/or security key. The PLUG-IT\_110 units will be updated with the new network information.

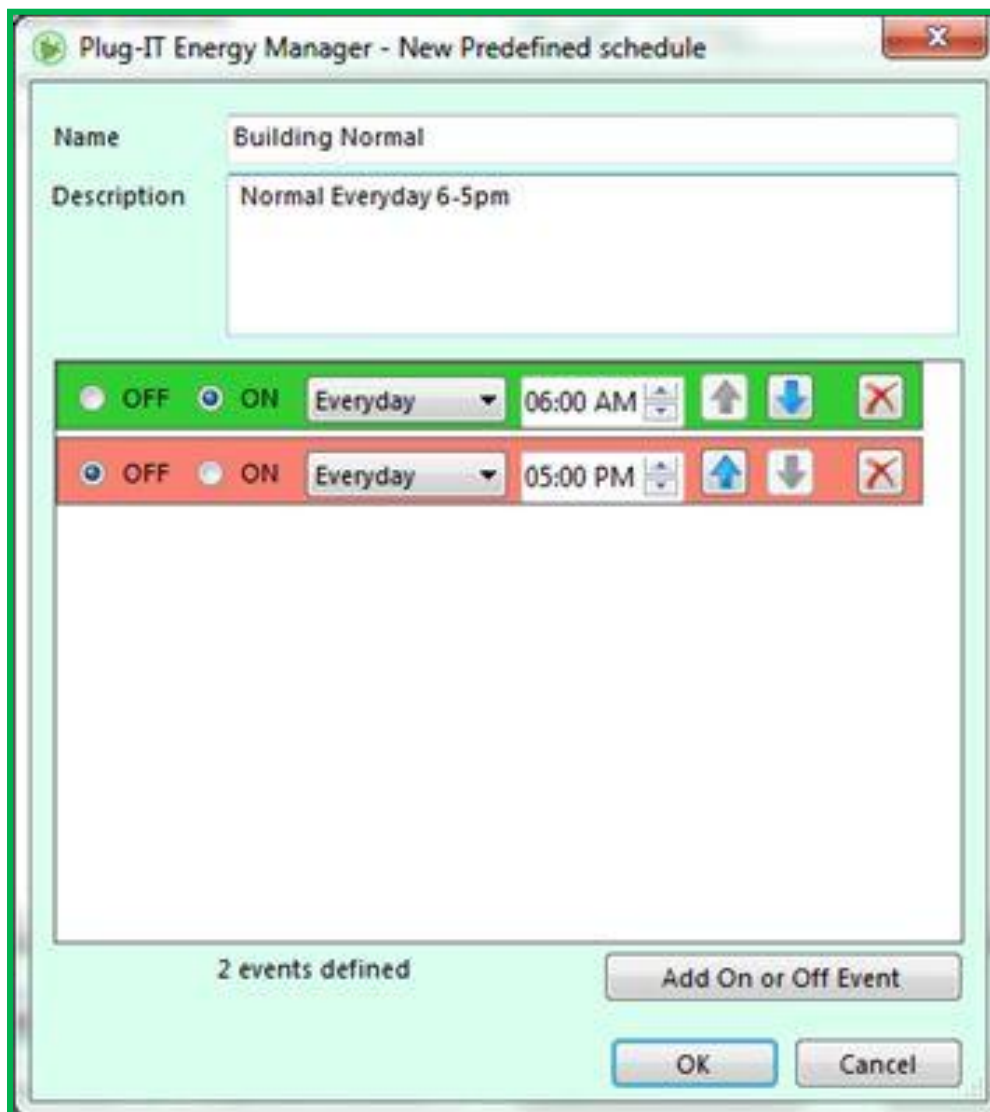
### 5.3.6 Taskbar - Schedules command

Users can add, modify, duplicate and delete schedules and push schedules out to individual PLUG-IT\_110 units or groups of PLUG-IT\_110 units.

**Manage Predefined Schedules-** This provides an easy way to manage all existing schedules saved on PLUG-IT. The main screen lists existing Predefined Schedules.



Click **Add Schedule** to create a new schedule.

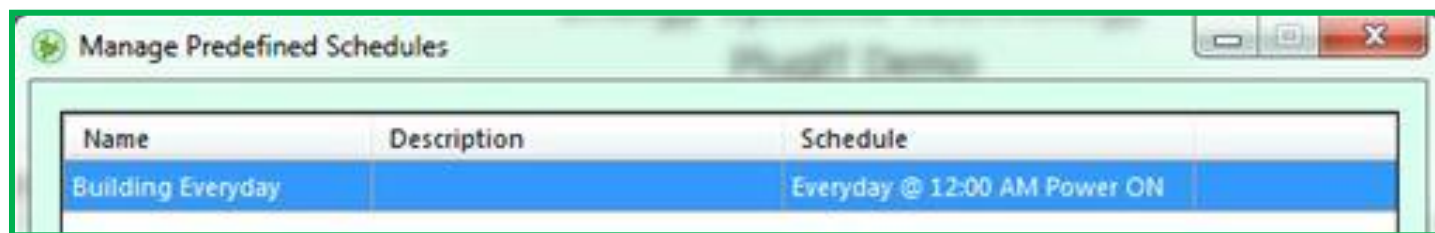


From here, users can add events, change events to be ON or OFF events and set the days and time.

Providing a descriptive name and description can help distinguish schedules as more and more schedules are defined.

Click **Ok** and the schedule is saved.

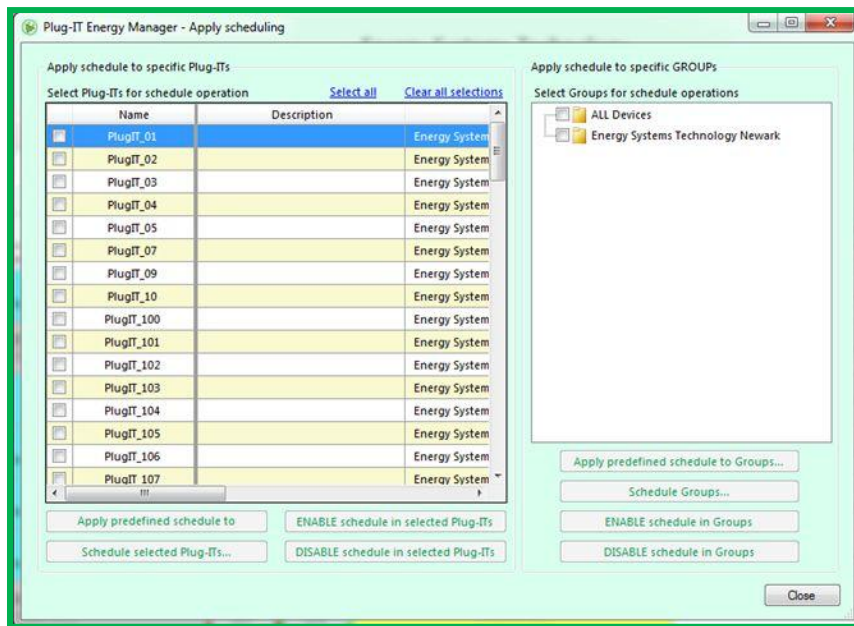
The schedule will now appear in the Predefined Schedule list:



This new schedule can now be duplicated, deleted or modified in the main Schedule menu.

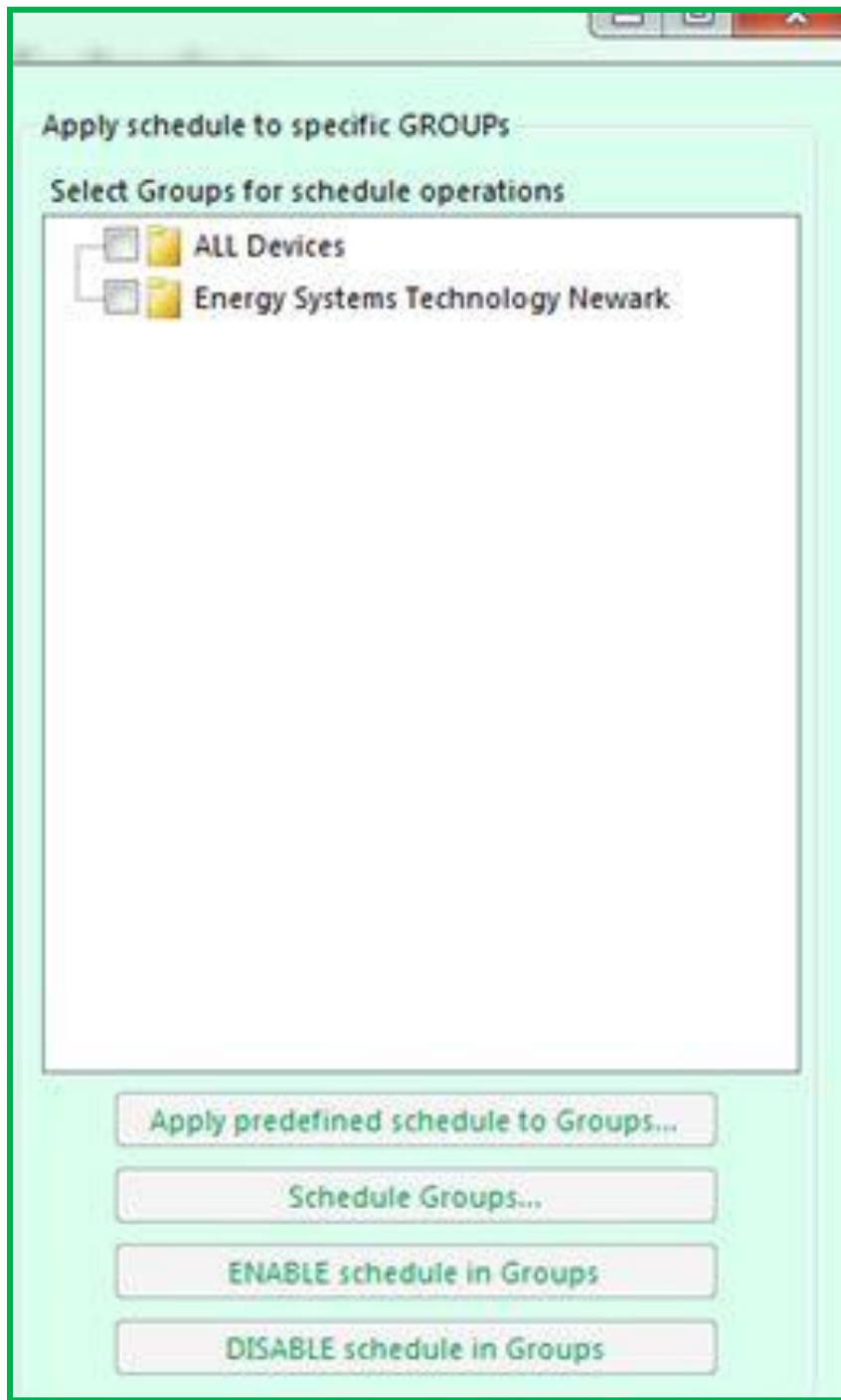
Scheduled ON and OFF times are trigger points. Users can manually power the load device ON or OFF with the power button or with the Device Control window of PLUG-IT Energy Manager. These actions do not interfere with the scheduled events loaded into PLUG-IT\_110 units.

**Apply Schedule to PLUG-IT(s)**- This screen provides an easy way to apply, enable and disable schedules for individual PLUG-ITs or groups of PLUG-ITs.



To apply a schedule to specific PLUG-ITs:

Select the PLUG-ITs and then click **APPLY, ENABLE OR DISABLE schedule** to modify the selected PLUG-ITs schedules.



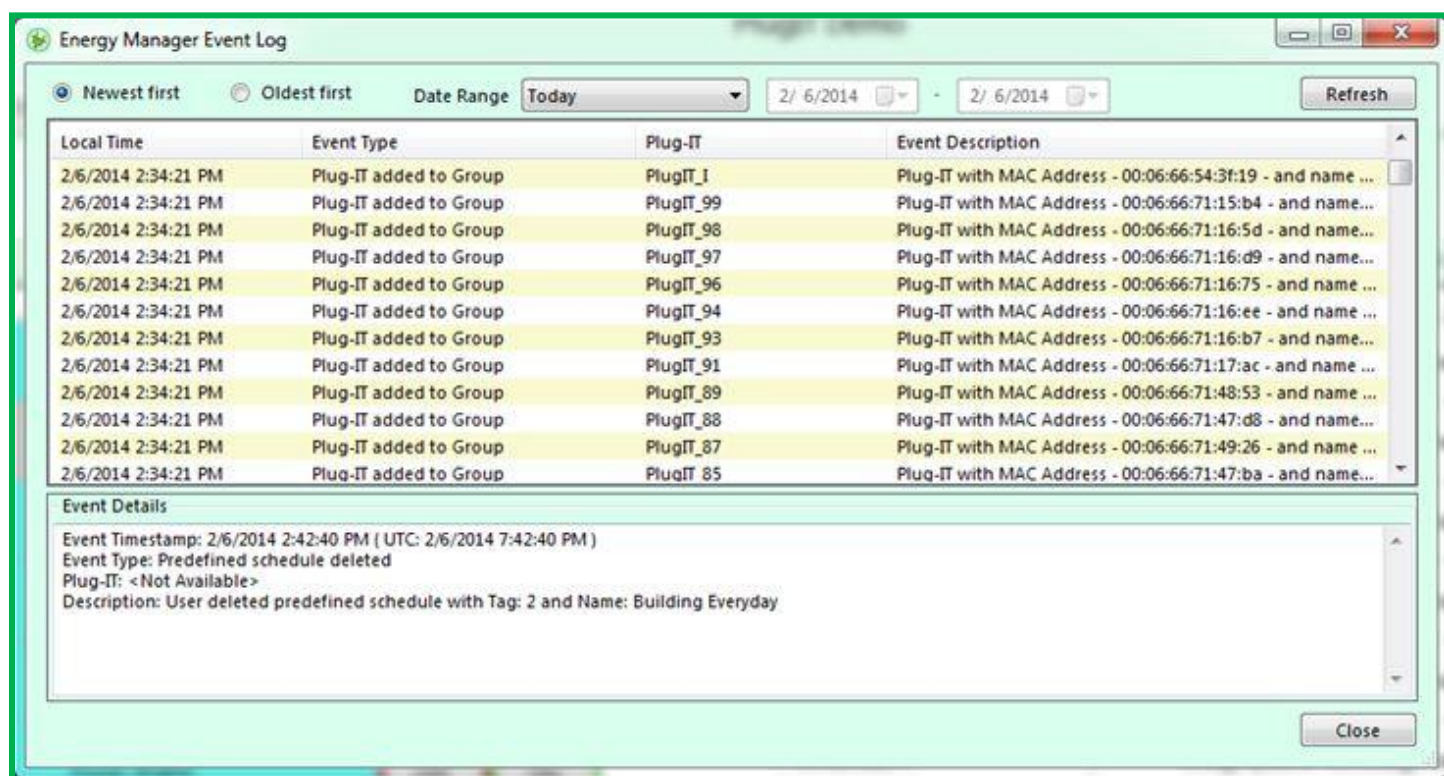
To apply a schedule to groups of PLUG-ITs:

Select the PLUG-IT GROUP and then click **APPLY, ENABLE OR DISABLE schedule** to to modify the selected PLUG-IT\_110 group schedule.

### 5.3.7 Taskbar - Help command

The help command provides help and troubleshooting for the user. Help command tasks include:

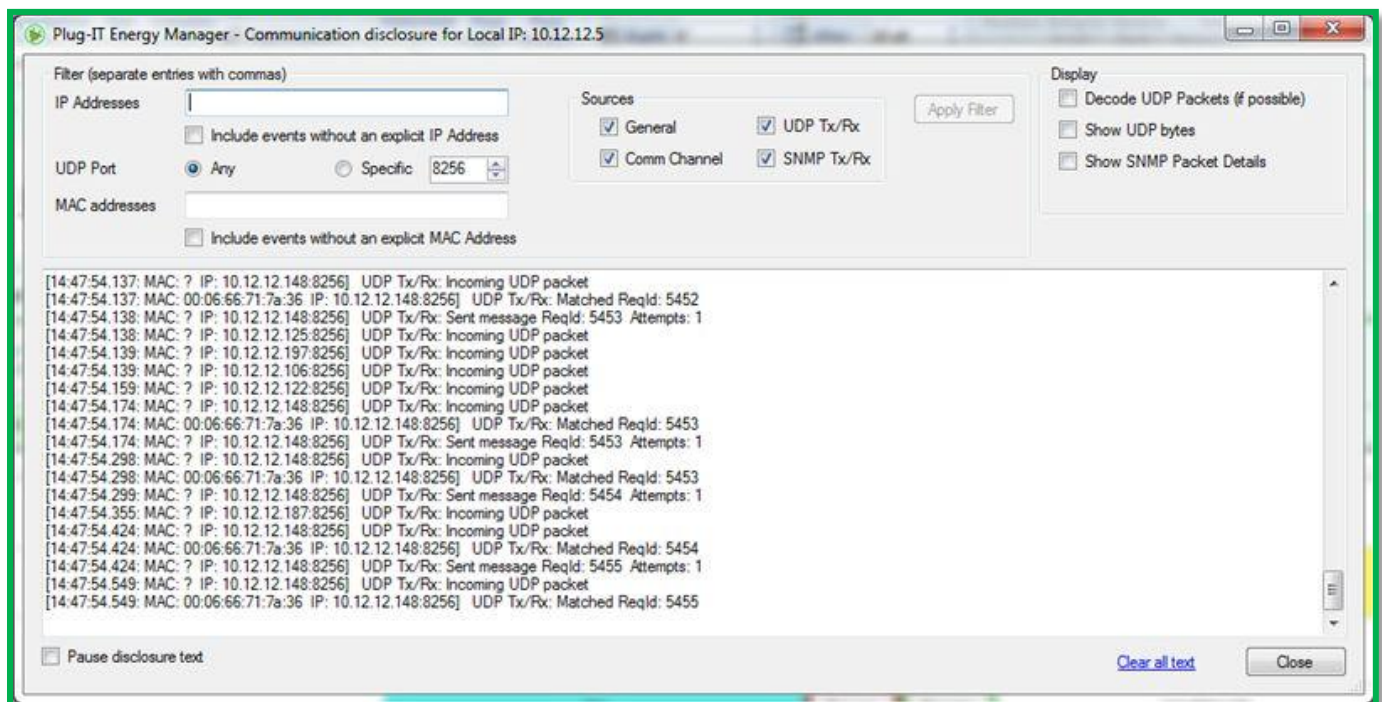
- ✓ **PLUG-IT User Manual (Hotkey F1)-** Opens the companion PLUG-IT\_110 User Manual with Adobe® Acrobat® or Adobe® Acrobat® Reader.
- ✓ **PLUG-IT Event log (advanced)-** This provides a common log of events pertaining to PLUG-IT. Events include PLUG-IT events, group additions/removals, IP changes, etc. This is primarily an advanced monitoring tool and unnecessary for most users.



- ✓ **Service Utilities\New disclosure window for 192.168.x.x (IP address of active network) (advanced)-** This provides a list of



IP communication between the PLUG-IT Energy Manager host computer and the PLUG-IT\_110 units. Incoming UDP data is logged as demonstrated in the example below. This is an advanced monitoring tool and unnecessary for most users.



- ✓ **About-** This screen provides the name of the application, version number, and copyright information. Refer to this version number and log it prior to contacting technical support.
- ✓ **Welcome Screen-** Opens the welcome screen with setup tips as seen during initial PLUG-IT Energy Manager startup.

## 6 Basic troubleshooting

Refer to the previous [Section 5.3.7](#) for monitoring tools. Event logs and networking tools are available to assist advanced users troubleshoot system challenges.

Here are basic troubleshooting tips:

Problem	Possible Solution
PLUG-IT plug reports "No Communication" Status.	Confirm that the PLUG-IT is within range of your wireless router. This can be done by moving the unit to a known-good location to test communication.
PLUG-IT_110 unit does not appear on PLUG-IT Energy Manager.	Verify that SSID and Password are correct in the PLUG-IT Setup Wizard configuration. Both parameters are case sensitive.
	Verify that the PC wireless is connected to the proper wireless network.
	Check firewall settings of wireless router. Wireless router may be preventing PLUG-IT Energy Manager computer from receiving UDP packets from PLUG-IT_110s.
	Confirm that correct network connection is selected in PLUG-IT Energy Manager for computers with multiple network connections. Ensure Wireless Network is IPv4 enabled. Verify a Web Proxy or Enterprise-level encryption (AAA server) is not required to authenticate.



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